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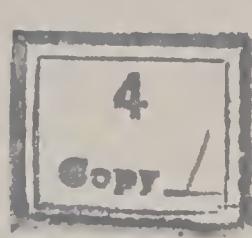
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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 249, SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution Numbered 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved September 18, 1941.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Jamestown, N. Y., November 14, 1947.

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 249, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved September 18, 1941, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of Proceedings of the Eighty-first National Encampment, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 10 to 14, 1947, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

JOHN C. ADAMS,
Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL
LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Eighty-first National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 99. Deducting previously reported, the net voting strength is 58.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	Department officers	Delegates	Past department commanders	Total	Deduct previously reported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote				7		7
Past commanders in chief				3	2	1
National council of administration				19	4	15
Past senior vice commanders in chief				4	2	2
Past junior vice commanders in chief				3	3	0
Past adjutants general				1	0	1
California and Nevada	4	1	3	8	1	7
Colorado and Wyoming	1	0	1	2	1	1
Connecticut	2	0	1	3	1	2
Illinois	4	1	3	8	5	3
Indiana	2	1	1	4	2	2
Iowa	1	0	0	1	0	1
Kansas	1	1	0	2	0	2
Kentucky	3	0	1	4	2	2
Maine	1	1	1	3	2	1
Michigan	1	0	1	2	2	0
Missouri	2	0	1	3	1	2
Nebraska	1	0	0	1	0	1
New York	2	0	2	4	2	2
Ohio	2	0	2	4	2	2
Oklahoma	2	0	1	3	2	1
Oregon	1	0	1	2	2	0
Pennsylvania	1	0	0	1	0	1
Washington and Alaska	2	0	1	3	3	0
Wisconsin	3	0	1	4	2	2
Total	36	5	21	99	41	58

ROLL OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

CLEVELAND, OHIO, AUGUST 10 TO 14, 1947

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

ORLANDO LEVALLEY, Caro, Mich.

Chaplain in Chief

ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.

Adjutant General

JOHN DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

Quartermaster General

JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.

National Patriotic Instructor

ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.

National Chief of Staff

¹ HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.

¹ Entitled to vote as department commander.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada: Charles L. Chappel, Long Beach, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming: Robert T. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut: Charles Douglass, New Haven, Conn.
Illinois: Hiram H. Shumate,¹ Riverton, Ill.
Indiana: Frank Barton, Knox, Ind.
Iowa: James P. Martin, Sutherland, Iowa.
Kansas: Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.
Kentucky: Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton, Ky.
Maine: Zachary McLaughlin, Phillips, Maine.
Michigan: Orlando LeValley,² Caro, Mich.
Missouri: William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.
Nebraska: Michael Bondoll, Beatrice, Nebr.
New York: James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.
Ohio: John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, Ohio.
Oklahoma: Sylvester Patterson, Tonkawa, Okla.
Oregon: Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
Washington and Alaska: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.
Wisconsin: L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

¹ Member of executive committee.

² Junior vice commander in chief.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson, ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871) -----	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882) -----	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886) -----	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881) -----	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892) -----	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1889) -----	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897) -----	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900) -----	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924) -----	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909) -----	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914) -----	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896) -----	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907) -----	1889
Wheelock G. Veazey, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898) -----	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900) -----	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908) -----	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910) -----	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899) -----	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901) -----	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929) -----	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932) -----	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917) -----	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915) -----	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905) -----	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (Promoted July 16, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934) -----	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927) -----	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916) -----	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926) -----	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911) -----	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936) -----	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921) -----	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918) -----	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928) -----	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928) -----	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920) -----	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926) -----	1916
Orlando, A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921) -----	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924) -----	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919) -----	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (promoted Nov. 1919, died Oct. 19, 1925) -----	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921) -----	1920

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940)-----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)-----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934)-----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929)-----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930)-----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939)-----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937)-----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (promoted June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933)-----	1933
Alfred E. Stacy, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940)-----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ² Pennsylvania (died May 20, 1941)-----	1936
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, ³ Ripley, N. Y.-----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
A. T. Anderson, ² Pennsylvania (promoted June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
George A. Gay, ² Massachusetts (died Dec. 15, 1944)-----	1941
John S. Dumser, ⁴ Oakland, Calif.-----	1942
George H. Jones, ² Oxford, Maine (died Aug. 21, 1946)-----	1943
Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, Ind. (died Nov. 10, 1946)-----	1944
Hiram R. Gale-----	1945

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died Sept. 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Seldon Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930)-----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929)-----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907)-----	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899

² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ Adjutant general.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)-----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929)-----	1901
William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (commander in chief July 17, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)-----	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief, June 15, 1933) (died Dec. 29, 1945)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ² Michigan (died Feb. 12, 1941)-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 6, 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, ² Iowa (died May 9, 1945)-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ² Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940) (died Sept. 15, 1944)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (promoted June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1940
Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.-----	1940
Thomas Ridenour, ² Crestline, Ohio (died Feb. 7, 1946)-----	1941
Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, Ind. (died Nov. 10, 1946)-----	1942
Lansing A. Wilcox, ⁵ Cadott, Wis.-----	1943
John M. Gudgel, ² Shenandoah, Iowa (died Mar. 22, 1947)-----	1944
John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio-----	1945

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁵ Past commander in chief.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1933)	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912)	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903)	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889)	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926)	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921)	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930)	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)	1914
Oscar A. James, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1914; died Apr. 26, 1933)	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)	1918
Isidor Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934)	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935)	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930)	1922
George T. Leech, ² Maryland (died Aug. 4, 1940)	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)	1924

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ² Minnesota (died Sept. 20, 1940)	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 1938)	1930
Russell C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, Calif.	1931
Charles E. Jones, ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940)	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)	1933
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill.	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ⁷ Ripley, N. Y.	1937
John W. Carroll, ² North Dakota (died March 3, 1942)	1938
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (senior vice, June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)	1939
William H. McCoy, ² New Jersey (elected Sept. 9, 1940; died Nov. 16, 1941)	1940
Rustan O. Reed, ² Washington (died Feb. 23, 1942)	1940
John S. Dumser, ⁸ Oakland, Calif.	1941
Charles H. Perry, ² Minnesota (died 1944)	1942
Hiram H. Shumate, ¹ Riverton, Ill.	1943
Hiram R. Gale, Washington and Alaska	1944
Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg. ¹	1945

PAST ADJUTANT GENERAL (LIVING)

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif. (died June 29, 1947)	1933
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill.	1940

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁷ Chaplain in chief.⁸ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

(Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1946, 8, Posts, 5)

Department Commander----- JOHN W. SMITH.
Senior Vice Department Commander----- CHARLES L. CHAPPEL.
Assistant Adjutant General----- MARCUS A. GETTER.

DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Douglas T. Story	Wm. A. Magee

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller ² (provisional), 1867.	H. V. Parker, ² 1911.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	W. R. Thomas, ² 1912.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	G. M. Stormont, ² 1913.
W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.	B. B. Tuttle, ² 1914.
W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.	Hiram P. Thompson, ² 1915.
A. Carlson, ² 1875.	A. E. Leavitt, ² 1916.
A. C. Bagley, ² 1876.	C. H. Haskins, ² 1917.
S. W. Backus, ² 1877.	John H. Roberts, ² 1918.
S. P. Ford, ² 1878-79.	R. C. Martin, ² Los Angeles, 1919.
C. Mason Kinne, ² 1880-81.	George D. Kellogg, ² 1920 (died in office).
W. A. Robinson, ² 1882.	G. M. Burlingame, ² 1920.
J. W. Staples, ² 1883.	William H. Noll, ² 1921.
James M. Davis, ² 1884.	S. W. Hopkins, ² 1922.
R. H. Warfield, ² 1885.	James R. Milner, ² 1923.
W. R. Smedburg, ² 1886.	George W. Grannis, ² 1924.
E. S. Salomon, ² 1887.	C. S. Stoddard, ² 1925.
T. H. Goodman, ² 1888.	Peter H. Mass, ² 1926.
George E. Gard, ² 1889.	W. A. Packard, ² 1927.
A. J. Buckles, ² 1890.	H. H. Woodruff, ² 1928.
W. H. L. Barnes, ² 1891.	Darwin B. Wolcott, ² Los Angeles, 1929.
J. B. Fuller, ² 1892.	John C. Chapman, ² 1930.
E. C. Seymour, ² 1893.	A. E. Vest, ² 1931.
J. M. Walling, ² 1894.	J. S. Dumser, ⁷ Oakland, 1932.
C. E. Wilson, ² 1895.	O. H. Mennet, ² 1933.
T. C. Masteller, ³ 1896.	Wm. H. Bostaph, ² 1934 (died in office).
N. P. Chipman, ² 1897.	George N. Lockwood, ² Los Angeles, <u>1935</u> .
Sol Cahen, ² 1898.	S. R. Yoho, ² San Francisco, 1936.
A. F. Dill, ² 1899.	John W. Grimes, ² 1937.
George M. Mott, ² 1900.	F. R. Young, ² 1938.
George Stone, ² 1901.	Robert C. Blair, ² 1939.
W. G. Hawley, ² 1902.	Calvin H. Blanchard, ² Oakland, 1940.
William R. Shafter, ² 1903.	Elisha Ames, ² W. Los Angeles, 1941.
Charles T. Rice, ² 1904.	Oliver H. Castle, ² 1942.
W. W. Russell, ² 1905.	John W. Smith, ⁶ Santa Cruz, 1943.
William C. Alberger, ² 1906.	Henry M. Mingay, ⁸ Glendale, Calif., 1944.
William G. Waters, ² 1907.	Chas. L. Chappel, ¹ Long Beach, 1945.
Samuel Merrill, ² 1908.	John S. Dumser, ⁷ 1946.
W. S. Daubenspeck, ² 1909.	
E. L. Hawk, ² 1910.	

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

⁶ National council of administration.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

⁸ Assistant adjutant general.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
John J. Steadman,² 1892, transferred from Iowa.
O. H. Coulter,² 1899, transferred from Kansas.
Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
M. V. Lucas,² 1884–86, transferred from South Dakota.
E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
M. A. Breedon,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

² Deceased.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

(Organized as the Department of Colorado, in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; changed to Colorado and Wymong, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 2)

Department Commander ROBERT T. BRYAN,^{3 4} Boulder

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, ² 1876.	William H. McDonald, ² 1910.
Andrew W. Taylor, ² 1878-79.	Dexter T. Sapp, ² 1911.
John W. Donnellan, ² 1880-82.	Henry M. Minor, ² 1912.
Eugene K. Stimson, ² 1882-83.	Cyrus A. Brooks, ² 1913.
Byron L. Carr, ² 1884.	O. S. Reed, ² 1914.
Aninman, V. Bohn, ² 1885.	Frank O. Burdick, ² 1915.
Henry Bowman, ² 1886.	James Moynahan, ² 1916.
George Ady, ² 1887.	James H. Cohmstock, ² 1917.
John W. Browning, ² 1888.	Asa Curl, ² 1918.
Thomas J. Fisher, ² 1889.	Carroll M. Bills, ² 1919.
Delos L. Holden, ² 1890.	Marshall S. Crawford, ² 1920.
George W. Cook, ² 1891.	James E. Jewel, ² 1921.
John C. Kennedy, ² 1892.	Samuel J. Capps, ² 1922 (died in office).
Myron W. Reed, ² 1893.	A. W. Hogle, ² 1923.
Nathaniel Rollins, ² 1894.	William Butler, ² 1923.
Nichols J. O'Brien, ² 1895.	J. C. Plank, ² 1924.
Horace O. Dodge, ² 1896.	J. L. Randall, ² 1925.
U. S. Hollister, ² 1897 (see California and Nevada).	W. M. Robertson, ² 1926.
Wm. T. S. May, ² 1898.	J. E. Laycock, ² 1927.
Andrew Royal, ² 1899.	C. Ricketts, ² 1928.
Harper M. Orahood, ² 1900.	W. E. Moses, ² 1929 (died in office).
Linus E. Sherman, ² 1901.	R. Q. Tenney, ² 1929.
James W. Huff, ² 1902.	David N. Heiser, ² 1930.
Harrison S. Vaughn, ² 1903.	E. C. Condit, ² 1931.
Thomas J. Downen, ² 1904.	Alba J. Rawson, ² 1932-33.
George W. Curfman, ² 1905.	Chas. H. Pridmore, ² 1934.
Loren C. Dana, ² 1906.	Tobias Mattox, ² 1935.
Richard H. Mellette, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	R. H. Hoffman, ² 1936.
Henry C. Watson, ² 1908.	Joshua C. Pearce, ² 1937.
John W. Wingate, ² 1909.	Lewis H. Easterly, ² 1938-43 (died in office).
William W. Ferguson, ² 1910 (died in office).	George Metz, ² Fort Collins, 1943-45 (died in office).
	Robert T. Bryan, Boulder 1946.

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

CONNECTICUT (6)

(Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander ----- CHARLES DOUGLAS,⁴ New Haven.
Senior vice department commander ----- HIRAM DAVIS, Ridgefield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland, ² 1867.	George Haven, ² 1909.
Theodore G. Ellis, ² 1868-69.	Edson S. Bishop, ⁵ 1910.
William A. Mallory, ² 1870-71.	Richard J. Cutbill, ² 1911.
L. A. Dickinson, 1872-73.	William H. Dougal, ² 1912.
Charles S. Buckbee, ² 1874-75.	James R. Sloane, ² 1913.
William E. Disbrow, ² 1876-77.	Fred V. Streeter, ² 1914.
Frank G. Otis, ² 1878.	Charles Griswold, ² 1915.
Frank E. Fowler, ² 1878-79.	Henry J. Seeley, ² 1916.
George S. Smith, ² 1880.	Benjamin H. Cheney, ² 1917.
Alfred B. Beers, ² 1881.	Christian Quien, ² 1918.
Ira E. Hicks, ² 1882.	George T. Meech, ² 1919.
Isaac C. Hyatt, ² 1883.	Randolph Williamson, ² 1920.
William Berry, ² 1884.	Christian Swartz, ² 1921.
Frank D. Sloat, ² 1885.	Orrin M. Price, ² 1922.
John T. Crary, ² 1886.	John L. Saxe, ² 1923.
Henry E. Taintor, ² 1887.	Ira R. Wildman, ² 1924.
Samuel B. Horne, ² 1888.	James W. Davis, ² 1925.
William H. Pierpont, ² 1889.	James R. Young, ² 1926.
John C. Broatch, ² 1890.	Charles M. Shailer, 1927.
Henry N. Fanton, ² 1891.	George A. Tucker, ² 1928.
Benajah P. Smith, ² 1892.	James Haggerty, ² 1929.
Wilbur F. Rogers, ² 1893.	Frank A. Cargill, ² 1930.
Selah G. Blakeman, ² 1894.	Henry W. Burrill, ² 1931.
John M. Brewer, ² 1895.	Lewis L. Baker, ² 1932.
Oscar W. Cornish, ² 1896.	Edward T. Abbott, ² 1933.
Gustav D. Bates, ² 1897.	Lyman H. Call, ² 1934.
William Simonds, ² 1898.	Caspar D. Wallace, ² 1935.
Henry R. Jones, ² 1899.	Edward A. Pinkney, ² 1936 (died in office).
John K. Bucklyn, ² 1900.	Russell Van Deusen, ² 1936.
Thomas Boudren, ² 1901.	Charles Douglas, ⁴ New Haven, 1937.
N. Burton Rogers, ² 1902.	Truman N. Parsons, ² 1938.
Morgan G. Bulkeley, ² 1903.	Nathan Coe, ² 1939-40.
William C. Hilliard, ² 1904.	Truman N. Parsons, ² 1941-42 (died in office).
Albert A. May, ² 1905.	Charles Douglas, ⁴ New Haven, 1943-46.
Virgil F. McNeil, ² 1906.	
Charles A. Appel, ² 1907.	
Edward Griswold, ² 1908.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Not a member of the order.

ILLINOIS (1)

(Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1946, 7. Posts, 4)

Department commander----- HIRAM H. SHUMATE,^{1 3 6} Riverton.
Junior vice department commander----- LEWIS FABLINGER, Downers Grove.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ² 1866.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ² 1908.
John M. Palmer, ² 1867.	Philip C. Hayes, ² 1909.
Thomas S. Osborne, ² 1868-70.	James A. Connolly, ² 1910.
Charles E. Lippincott, ² 1871.	C. C. Duffy, ² 1911.
Hubert Dilger, ² 1872.	Thomas H. Gault, ² 1912.
Guy T. Gould, ² 1873.	J. H. Crowder, ² 1913.
H. H. Hilliard, ² 1874-76.	Samuel Fallows, ² 1914.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² 1877 (see California and Nevada).	John M. Snyder, ² 1915.
T. B. Coulter, ² 1878.	W. F. Calhoun, ² 1916.
Edgar D. Swain, ² 1878-80.	C. S. Bentley, ² 1917.
J. W. Burst, ² 1881.	Joseph W. Fifer, ² 1918.
Thomas G. Lawler, ² 1882.	Henry D. Fulton, ² 1919.
Samuel A. Harper, ² 1883.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ² 1920.
L. T. Dickason, ² 1884.	William P. Wright, ² 1921.
W. W. Berry, ² 1885.	E. P. Bartlett, ² 1922 (died in office).
Philip Sidney Post, ² 1886.	J. M. Oulson, ² 1922.
A. C. Sweetser, ² 1887.	William J. Libberton, ² 1923.
James A. Sexton, ² 1888.	Philip Smith, ² 1924.
James S. Martin, ² 1889.	O. R. Kenney, ² 1925.
William L. Distin, ² 1890.	John E. Andrew, ² 1926.
Horace S. Clark, ² 1891.	D. H. Harper, ² 1927.
Edwin Harlan, ² 1892.	Charles T. Marsh, ² 1928.
Edwin A. Blodgett, ² 1893.	H. B. Davidson, ² 1929.
H. H. McDowell, ² 1894.	A. C. Best, ² 1930.
William H. Powell, ² 1895.	James H. Campbell, ² 1931.
W. G. Cochran, ² 1896.	H. C. First, ² 1932 (died in office).
A. L. Schimpff, ² 1897.	Wm. O'Callaghan, ² 1932.
John C. Black, ² 1898.	George A. Robinson, ² 1933.
John B. Inman, ² 1899.	William N. Hodge, ² 1934.
J. M. Longnecker, ² 1900.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1935.
N. B. Thistlewood, ² 1901.	William N. Hodge, ² 1936.
H. M. Trimble, ² 1902.	John E. Andrew, ² 1937-38.
Benson Wood, ² 1903.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1939.
Robert Mann Woods, ² 1904.	Hiram H. Shumate, ⁶ Riverton, 1940-43.
John C. Smith, ² 1905.	William P. Lockwood, Kankakee, 1944.
Edwin H. Buck, ² 1906.	Hiram H. Shumate, ^{3 6} Riverton, 1940-46.
A. C. Mathews, ² 1907.	

Milton J. Stewart,² 1885, transferred from Kansas.Charles M. Travis,² 1889, transferred from Indiana.¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Past junior vice commander in chief.

INDIANA (20)

(Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1946, 4. Posts, 2)

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, ¹ Jonesboro.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	FRANK J. BARTON, Knox.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	W. E. WHITTINGILL, Lebanon.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro.

DELEGATE

Frank J. Barton, Knox

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879.	
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	
Chas. M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	
Beujamin Starr, ² 1902.	
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	
Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.	

Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.	
Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.	
Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).	
Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.	
Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.	
A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.	
Lewis King, ² 1915.	
V. V. Williams, ² 1916.	
Samuel M. Hench, ² 1917.	
Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.	
William F. Medsker, ² 1919.	
Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.	
Richard H. Hyner, ² 1921.	
William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.	
Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.	
F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.	
David Strouse, ² 1925.	
James W. Spain, ² 1926.	
John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.	
W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.	
Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.	
Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).	
James Kilmartin, ² 1930.	
F. M. McNair, ² 1931.	
James Bowden, ² 1932.	
Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.	
John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).	
Edward McClelland, ² 1935.	
Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.	
John H. Stone, ² 1937-41 (died in office).	
David S. Moist, ² 1942.	
Isaac W. Sharp, ² Warsaw, 1942-44.	
John F. Smith, ² Marion, 1945.	
John C. Adams, ¹ 1946.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dr. Henry C. Rogers,² Rockville

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁷ Adjutant general.

IOWA (19)

(Organized September 28, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1946, 3. Posts, 0)

Department Commander----- JOHN M. GUDGEL,⁵ Shenandoah.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN P. MARTIN, Sutherland.
Junior vice department commander----- ROBERT A. MILLEN, Melcher.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT A. MILLEN, Melcher.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	J. W. Willett, ² 1913.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
George B. Hogin, ² 1882.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1924.
J. J. Steadman, ² 1892 (see California and Nevada).	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1926.
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	Watson Risdan, ² 1930.
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	T. J. Noll, ² 1932.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	Frank L. Quade, ² 1933.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	J. C. Hanes, ² 1935.
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	John P. Risley, ² 1936-37 (died in office).
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	Michael Hawk, ² 1938.
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	James W. Willett, ² 1939 (died in office).
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	Jacob J. Neuman, ² 1940.
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	Elliott P. Taylor, ² 1941.
H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.	John M. Gudgel, ⁵ Shenandoah, 1942
Lot Abraham, ² 1911.	David S. Sisk, ² Marshalltown, 1943.
J. D. Brown, ² 1912.	John M. Gudgel, ⁵ Shenandoah, 1944-46.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ Assistant adjutant general.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

(Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- ALONZO McMURPHY,⁴ Sterling.
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES WINGROVE, Wichita.
Junior vice department commander----- JACOB LOTT,² McPherson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, ² 1866-67.	J. N. Harrison, ² 1912-13.
John Carpenter, ² 1868.	Ira D. Brougher, ² 1914.
W. S. Jenkins, ² 1872 (see Missouri).	C. A. Meek, ² 1915.
Stephen A. Cobb, ² 1873.	R. M. Painter, ² 1916.
John Guthrie, ² 1876.	A. C. Pierce, ² 1917.
J. H. Gilpatrick, ² 1877-78.	W. W. Smith, ² 1918.
J. C. Walkinshaw, ² 1879-82.	Theodore Gardner, ² 1919.
Thomas J. Anderson, ² 1883.	Joseph A. Walter, ² 1920.
Homer W. Pond, ² 1884.	George P. Washburn, ² 1921 (died in office).
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885 (see Illinois).	E. W. Bowman, ² 1921.
C. J. McDivett, ² 1886.	William W. Dennison, ² 1922.
T. H. Soward, ² 1887 (see Oklahoma).	William H. Mitchell, ² 1923.
J. W. Feighan, ² 1888.	Andrew Graff, ² 1924.
Henry Booth, ² 1889.	Fred Jackson, ² 1925.
Ira A. Collins, ² 1890.	Samuel Baughman, ² 1926 (see Florida).
Timothy McCarthy, ² 1891.	R. H. McWhorter, ² 1927.
A. R. Green, ² 1892.	H. I. Merrill, ² 1928.
Bernard Kelly, ² 1893.	J. W. Priddy, ² 1929.
W. P. Campbell, ² 1894.	C. K. King, ² 1930.
John P. Harris, ² 1895.	E. W. Phillips, ² 1931.
W. C. Whitney, ² 1896.	J. H. Harvey, ² 1932 (died in office).
Theo. Botkin, ² 1897.	Grear Nagel, ² 1932 (died in office).
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898 (see Oklahoma).	H. W. Wardell, ² 1932.
O. H. Coulter, ² 1899 (see California and Nevada).	W. B. Rhodes, ² 1933.
W. W. Martin, ² 1900.	W. W. Nixon, ² 1934.
J. B. Remington, ² 1901.	A. O. Gere, ² 1935.
H. C. Loomis, ² 1902.	J. H. Getty, ² 1936.
Abraham W. Smith, ² 1903.	Henry Keller, ² 1937.
Charles Harris, ² 1904.	Philip Weinrich, ² 1938.
P. H. Coney, ² 1905-6.	T. B. Williams, ² 1939.
R. A. Campbell, ² 1907.	J. W. Malloy, ² 1940.
W. A. Morgan, ² 1908.	George Schreiner, ² 1941.
Joel H. Rickel, ² 1909.	J. P. Fair, ² 1942.
Nathan E. Harmon, ² 1910.	William W. Nixon, ² 1943.
T. P. Anderson, ² 1911.	Alonzo McMurry, ⁴ Sterling, 1944-46.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

KENTUCKY (27)

(Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1946, 3. Posts, 0)

Department commander----- ROBERT BARRETT,⁴ Princeton.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT ALSIP, Corbin.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN HENDRICKS, Hopkinsville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ² 1883.	R. B. Hewetson, ² 1909.
W. H. Harton, ² 1884.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ² 1910.
George W. Northup, ² 1885.	Charles C. Degman, ² 1911.
T. Z. Morrow, 1886.	John Barr, ² 1912.
William Bowman, ² 1887.	W. J. L. Hughes, ² 1913.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ² 1888.	Edward Farley, ² 1914.
Vincent Boreing, ² 1889.	John T. Gunn, ² 1915.
Michael Minton, ² 1890.	Sam D. Brown, ² 1916.
Samuel G. Hills, ² 1891.	J. R. Howard, ² 1917.
Edward H. Hobson, ² 1892.	T. A. Casey, ² 1918.
T. Edward Livezey, ² 1893.	Andrew Offut, ² 1919.
Daniel O'Riley, ² 1894.	M. H. Davidson, ² 1920.
Robert M. Kelly, ² 1895.	Jacob Seibert, ² 1921.
Americus Whedon, ² 1896.	John T. English, ² 1922.
Andrew J. Tharp, ² 1897.	E. F. Tucker, ² 1923.
J. W. Hammond, ² 1898.	C. C. Furr, ² 1924.
Joseph H. Browning, ² 1899.	J. D. Compton, ² 1925.
L. M. Drye, ² 1900.	Albert Scott, ² 1926 (died in office).
John Blaes, ² 1901.	Cyrus Edwards, ² 1926-28.
T. F. Beyland, ² 1902.	John T. Thompson, ² 1929.
W. G. Force, ² 1903.	Robert T. Smith, ² 1930-33.
William T. Bausmith, ² 1904.	Charles L. Dudley, ² 1934-36.
Bernard Matthews, ² 1905.	R. R. Graham, ² 1937-43 (died in office).
George Grimstead, ² 1906.	Robert Barrett, Sr., ⁴ Princeton, 1943-46.
Le Vant Dodge, ² 1907-08.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

MAINE (9)

(Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- **ZACHARY McLAUGHLIN.⁴**
Senior vice department commander-----
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general-----

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, ² 1868-69.	Augustus W. McCausland, ² 1909.
Charles P. Mattocks, ² 1870-71.	John W. Webster, ² 1910.
Daniel White, ² 1872-73.	Edwin Riley, ² 1911.
Seldon Connor, ² 1874-75.	William H. Holston, ² 1912.
Nelson Howard, ² 1876.	John F. Lamb, ² 1913.
John D. Myrick, ² , 1877.	Thomas S. Benson, ² 1914.
Augustus C. Hamlin, ² 1878.	Simon S. Andrews, ² 1915.
Windsor B. Smith, ² 1879.	Tobias L. Eastman, ² 1916.
Isaac S. Bangs, ² 1880.	John Quincy Adams, ² 1917.
William G. Haskell, ² 1881.	Fred A. Motley, ² 1918.
Augustus B. Farnham, ² 1882.	George W. Goulding, ² 1919.
Elisha M. Shaw, ² 1883.	Henry E. Merriam, ² 1920.
Benjamin Williams, ² 1884.	Edward A. Butler, ² 1921.
James A. Hall, ² 1885.	George A. Gay, ² 1922.
Samuel W. Lane, ² 1886.	Ezekiel H. Hanson, ² 1923.
Richard G. Gatley, ² 1887.	Charles E. Nason, ² 1924.
Horace H. Burbank, ² 1888.	Albert R. Hill, ² 1925.
Franklin M. Drew, ² 1889.	Nathaniel W. White, ² 1926.
John D. Anderson, ² 1890.	Nahum H. Pillsbury, ² 1927.
Samuel L. Miller, ² 1891.	Nelson R. Brown, ² 1928.
Isaac Dyer, ² 1892.	Samuel F. Emerson, ² 1929.
Wainwright Cushing, ² 1893.	F. S. Philbrick, ² 1930.
J. Wesley Gilman, ² 1894.	Simon C. Hastings, ² 1931.
William H. Green, ² 1895.	John W. Folger, ² 1932.
Lorenzo J. Carver, ² 1896.	George T. Benson, ² 1933.
Leroy T. Carleton, ² 1897.	John B. Sawtelle, ² 1934.
Charles A. Southard, ² 1898.	Joseph W. Lake, ² 1935.
Frederick Robie, ² 1899.	Charles F. Tibbetts, ² 1936.
Seth T. Snipe, ² 1900.	Oliver N. Leavitt, ² 1937.
William Z. Clayton, ² 1901.	John W. Palmer, ² 1938.
James L. Merrick, ² 1902.	Frank J. Savage, ² 1939.
Joshua L. Chamberlain, ² 1903.	George H. Jones, ² Oxford, 1940.
Edwin C. Milliken, ² 1904.	John W. Palmer, ² 1941.
Henry O. Perry, ² 1905.	Otis L. Coffin, ² 1942.
Frederick S. Walls, ² 1906.	George F. Stuart, ² Freeport, 1943-45.
Frank F. Goss, ² 1907.	George H. Jones, ² 1945-46.
Woodbury K. Dana, ² 1908.	

² Deceased.⁴ National Council of Administration.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

(Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1946, 1. Posts, 0)

Department commander ----- CHARLES B. BURT,⁴ Springfield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman, ² 1866-67.	John L. Parker, ² 1909.
A. B. R. Sprague, ² 1868.	J. Willard Brown, ² 1910 (died in office).
Francis A. Osborn, ² 1869.	Granville C. Fiske, ² 1910-11.
James L. Bates, ² 1870.	George A. Hosley, ² 1912.
William Cogswell, ² 1871.	Thomas J. Ames, ² 1913.
Henry R. Sibley, ³ 1872.	John M. Woods, ² 1914.
Adin B. Underwood, ² 1873.	Alfred H. Knowles, ² 1915.
John W. Kimball, ² 1874.	Francis E. Mole, ² 1916.
George S. Merrill, ² 1875.	Daniel E. Denny, ² 1917.
Horace B. Sargent, ² 1876-78.	Edwin P. Stanley, ² 1918.
John G. B. Adams, ² 1879.	George W. Wilder, ² 1919.
John A. Hawes, ² 1880.	Horace Goodwin, ² 1920.
George W. Creasey, ² 1881.	Edwin F. Morrill, ² 1921.
George H. Patch, ² 1882.	Henry Clark, ² 1922.
George S. Evans, ² 1883.	George W. Pratt, ² 1923.
John D. Billings, ² 1884.	Benjamin A. Ham, ² 1924.
John W. Hersey, ² 1885.	William L. Gage, ² 1925 (died in office).
Richard F. Tobin, ² 1886.	Henry H. Comey, ² 1925.
Charles D. Nash, ² 1887.	William F. Brown, ² 1926 (died in office).
Myron P. Walker, ² 1888.	Henry A. Monk, ² 1927.
George L. Goodale, ² 1889.	Edwin J. Foster, ² 1928.
George H. Innis, ² 1890.	James H. Webb, ² 1929.
Arthur A. Smith, ² 1891.	Alvin C. Howes, ² 1930 (died in office).
James K. Churchill, ² 1892.	Waldo Turner, ² 1930-31.
Eli W. Hall, ² 1893.	Edwin H. Lincoln, ² 1932.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² 1894.	Frederick H. Bishop, ² 1933.
Joseph W. Thayer, ² 1895.	George A. Gay, ² Nashua, 1934.
William P. Derby, ² 1896.	George W. Green, ² 1935.
John M. Deane, ² 1897.	Chas. L. Robinson, ² 1936.
William H. Bartlett, ² 1898.	John E. Bronson, ² 1937.
John E. Gillman, ² 1899.	Joseph F. Stoddard, ² 1938.
Peter D. Smith, ² 1900.	Charles E. Miles, ² 1939.
Silas A. Barton, ² 1901.	Dudley L. Page, ² 1940.
W. W. Blackmar, ² 1902.	Samuel Snow, ² 1941 (died in office).
Dwight O. Judd, ² 1903.	George N. Alden, ² 1942.
Lucius Field, ² 1904.	Charles F. Staples, ² 1943-44 (died in office).
James H. Wolff, ² 1905.	Charles B. Burt, ⁴ Springfield, 1944-46 (died in office).
J. Payson Bradley, ² 1906.	
Daniel H. L. Gleason, ² 1907.	
Alfred S. Roe, ² 1908.	

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the Order.⁴ National Council of Administration.

MICHIGAN (18)

(Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, 1946, 2; Post, 1)

Department commander-----ORLANDO LE VALLEY,⁶ Caro.
Senior vice department commander-----CYRUS PERRIGO, Vassar.
Junior vice department commander-----MARTIN A. LOOP, Adrian.
Assistant adjutant general-----OSCAR MOTT,⁵ Benton Harbor.

DELEGATE

Martin A. Loop

ALTERNATE

Oscar Mott

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger ² (provisional), 1867.	George W. Stone, ² 1911.
William A. Throop, ² 1868.	John T. Spillane, ² 1912.
William Humphrey, ² 1869-70.	Frank R. Chase, ² 1913.
C. V. R. Pond, ² 1878-79.	Riley L. Jones, ² 1914.
A. T. McReynolds, ² 1880.	Henry C. Rankin, ² 1915 (died in office).
Byron R. Pierce, ² 1881-82.	Eli Strong, ² 1915.
Oscar A. Janes, ² 1883.	L. H. Ives, ² 1916.
Rush J. Shank, ² 1884.	William O. Lee, ² 1917.
Charles D. Long, ² 1885.	David S. Howard, ² 1918.
John Northwood, ² 1886.	Edwin F. Lamb, ² 1919.
L. G. Rutherford, ² 1887.	Henry Spaulding, ² 1920.
Washington Gardner, ² 1888.	J. J. Holmes, ² 1921.
Michael Brown, ² 1889. (See Montana.)	William Mears, ² 1922.
Henry M. Duffield, ² 1890.	Lyman A. L. Gilbert, ² 1923.
Charles L. Eaton, ² 1891.	Marvin C. Barney, ² 1924.
Henry S. Dean, ² 1892.	John Steel, ² 1925.
James H. Kidd, ² 1893.	James R. Stephenson, ² 1926.
Louis Kanitz, ² 1894.	Charles A. Bartlett, ² 1927.
S. B. Daboll, ² 1895.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1928-30.
William Shakespeare, ² 1896.	Orestus Blake, ² 1931-32.
Aaron T. Bliss, ² 1897.	C. M. Cook, ² 1933 (died in office).
Alex Patrick, ² 1898.	John Killeen, ² 1933.
Russell R. Pealer, ² 1899.	Frank D. Keeler, ² 1934.
Ethel M. Allen, ² 1900.	Ira M. Stewart, ² 1935-36.
James Van Kleeck, ² 1901.	S. H. Carlton, ² 1937.
Edward C. Anthony, ² 1902.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1938.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ² 1903.	A. F. Chappelle, ² 1939.
George H. Hopkins, ² 1904.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1940 (died in office).
E. C. Cannon, ² 1905.	Martin J. Warner, ² 1940.
Joseph P. Griswold, ² 1906.	John M. Park, ² 1941.
William Jibb, ² 1907.	Orlando Le Valley, ⁴ Caro, 1942.
Charles E. Foote, ² 1908 (died in office).	William H. Ferguson, ² 1943.
George L. Holmes, ² 1908.	Ralph R. Towner, ² Allegan, 1944.
James M. Greenfield, ² 1909.	Orlando Le Valley, ⁶ 1945-46.
Samuel J. Lawrence, ² 1910.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Martin A. Loop, Adrian, 1942

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.⁶ National junior vice commander in chief.

MINNESOTA (24)

(Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Post, 1)

Department commander ALBERT WOOLSON,⁴ Duluth.
Senior vice department commander ANSON B. BAKER, Minneapolis.
Junior vice department commander REUBEN S. HURD,² Worthington.
Assistant adjutant general ANSON B. BAKER,³ Minneapolis.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ² 1868.	William P. Roberts, ² 1912.
Henry A. Castle, ² 1872-74.	Charles H. Taylor, ² 1913.
George H. Johnson, ² 1876.	Charles H. Hopkins, ² 1914.
Adam Marty, ² 1881-82.	Watson W. Hall, ² 1915.
John P. Rea, ² 1883.	Charles Van Campen, ² 1916.
E. B. Rabb, ² 1884.	Silas H. Towler, ² 1917.
R. A. Becker, ² 1885.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ² 1918.
William Thomas, ² 1886.	J. D. Budd, ² 1919.
L. L. Wheelock, ² 1887.	J. A. Town, ² 1920.
James H. Ege, ² 1888.	S. W. Powell, ² 1921.
Alphonse Barto, ² 1889.	E. Z. Rasey, ² 1922.
James Compton, ² 1890.	W. H. Harrison, ² 1923.
Charles D. Parker, ² 1891.	S. E. Mahan, ² 1924.
L. M. Lange, ² 1892.	W. T. Scram, ² 1925.
John Day Smith, ² 1893.	P. G. Gorman, ² 1926.
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² 1894.	Jacob Zuber, ² 1927.
Ell Torrance, ² 1895.	T. P. Garrett, ² 1928.
J. J. McCardy, ² 1896.	T. H. Peacock, ² 1929.
E. B. Wood, ² 1897.	W. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
E. W. Mortimer, ² 1898.	W. L. Hilliard, ² 1931.
D. B. Searle, ² 1899.	C. M. Peet, ² 1932.
Gideon S. Ives, ² 1900.	Omar H. Case, ² 1933.
William H. Harries, ² 1901.	Charles H. Cotton, ² 1934.
Perry Starkweather, ² 1902.	M. Mullen, ² 1935.
Isaac L. Mahan, ² 1903.	W. W. Holcomb, ² 1936.
Harrison White, ² 1904.	Freman A. Caswell, ² 1937 (died in office).
C. F. MacDonald, ² 1905.	L. E. Carpenter, ² 1937-38.
Levi Longfellow, ² 1906.	C. H. Perry, ² 1939-40.
George A. Whitney, ² 1907.	O. S. Pierce, ⁵ Minneapolis, 1941.
Marcus W. Bates, ² 1908.	Louis E. Quint, ² 1942.
Loren W. Collins, ² 1909.	Albert Woolson, Duluth, ⁴ 1943-46.
Philip G. Woodward, ² 1910.	
J. A. Everett, ² 1911.	
S. F. Hammond, ² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.	
J. B. Hoit, ² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.	

² Deceased.

³ Assistant adjutant general.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Under suspension.

MISSOURI (25)

(Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2 Posts, 0)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. OSBORN,¹ ⁴ Joplin.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM KOWAZEK, Hawk Point.
Junior vice department commander----- ROBERT C. ELDER,² Nevada, Mo.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83.	Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913.
W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884.	William Lowe, ² 1914.
Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86.	James B. Dobyne, ² 1915.
E. E. Kimball, ² 1887.	Alex McCandless, ² 1916.
Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888.	Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917.
John E. Phelps, ² 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).	Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918.
Leo Rassieur, ² 1890.	W. C. Calland, ² 1919.
George W. Martin, ² 1891.	Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920.
C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1921.
Charles G. Burton, ² 1893.	James H. Hunter, ² 1922.
Louis Grund, ² 1894.	Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923.
Louis Benecke, ² 1895.	Alfred Zartman, ² 1924.
Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896.	Charles Koock, ² 1925.
John B. Platt, ² 1897.	John W. Lanley, ² 1926.
A. G. Peterson, ² 1898.	D. H. Baldridge, ² 1927.
John W. Scott, ² 1899.	John Ferguson, ² 1928.
Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900.	Chas. H. Mitchell, ² 1929.
George Hall, ² 1901.	C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930.
Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902.	P. L. Swartz, ² 1931.
F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio).	A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932.
Jere T. Dew, ² 1904.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1933.
Henry Fairback, ² 1905.	Smith George, ² 1934.
John M. Williams, ² 1906.	Perry Martin, ² 1935.
Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1936.
J. V. Martin, ² 1908.	William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
W. H. Skinner, ² 1909.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1938.
Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	Stephen Thomas, ² 1939.
Benjamin Warner, ² 1911.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1940 (died in office).
Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1941.
	William H. Osborn, ⁴ Joplin, 1942-46.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

NEBRASKA (17)

(Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- R. E. COLEMAN, Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander----- MICHAEL BONDOLL, Beatrice.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, ² 1877.	Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81, transferred from Wisconsin.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
John C. Bonnell, ² 1883.	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	W. H. Stewart, ² 1916.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	J. B. Strode, ² 1919.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	John S. Davisson, ² 1922.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	E. F. Brown, ² 1925.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	J. O. Moore, ² 1926.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	David Bryson, ² 1927.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
John Reese, ² 1900.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	C. H. Kinney, ² 1935.
John Lett, ² 1905.	A. F. Rexroad, ² 1936.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	John Seberg, ² 1937.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln, 1938.
Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.	H. S. Woodworth, ² 1939.
L. D. Richards, ² 1909.	John S. Davisson, ² 1940 (died in office).
John F. Diener, ² 1910.	Alfred Hendee, ⁵ Panama, 1941.
	T. H. Allbee, ² 1942.
	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln, 1943-46.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior vice department commander.

NEW YORK (5)

(Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1946, 4. Posts, 4)

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JAMES A. HARD, Rochester.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	JOSEPH CHISAM, Rome.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	JACOB LESTER, ⁶ Binghamton.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, ^{3,5} Ripley.

DELEGATE

Joseph Chisam, Rome

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, ² 1866-67.	George B. Loud, ² 1911.
Daniel E. Sickles, ² 1868-69.	Oscar Smith, ² 1912.
Edwin B. Lansing, ² 1869.	Samuel C. Pierce, ² 1913.
John C. Robinson, ² 1870.	James D. Bell, ² 1914.
Henry A. Barnum, ² 1871-72.	Zan L. Tidball, ² 1915.
Stephen P. Corliss, ² 1873.	Solomon W. Russell, ² 1916.
Edward Jardine, ² 1874.	William F. Kirchner, ² 1917.
John Palmer, ² 1875.	Lewis S. Pilcher, ² 1918.
James Tanner, ² 1876-77.	Joseph E. Ewell, ² 1919.
William F. Rogers, ² 1878.	Alfred E. Stacey, ² 1920.
James McQuade, ² 1879.	Isadore Isaacs, ² 1921.
L. Coe Young, ² 1880.	Calvin A. Brainard, ² 1922.
Abram Merritt, ² 1881.	Thomas J. McConekey, ² 1923.
James S. Fraser, ² 1882.	Henry L. Keene, ² 1924.
John A. Reynolds, ² 1883.	Duncan J. McMillan, ² 1925.
Ira M. Hedges, ² 1884.	John Van Duyn, ² 1926.
H. Clay Hall, ² 1885.	George W. Flynn, ² 1927 (died in office).
Joseph I. Sayles, ² 1886.	William M. Chatham, ² 1928 (died in office).
George H. Treadwell, ² 1887.	Henry Lilly, ² 1928.
N. Martin Curtis, ² 1888.	William P. Griffith, ² 1928.
Harrison Clark, ² 1889.	Martin V. Stone, ² 1929.
Floyd Clarkson, ² 1890.	George H. Taylor, ² 1930.
Charles H. Freeman, ² 1891.	Calvin L. Vincent, ² 1931.
Theodore L. Poole, ² 1892.	Henry J. Kearney, ² 1932 (died in office).
Joseph P. Cleary, ² 1893.	Frank E. Cooley, ⁴ Rensselaer, 1933.
John C. Shotts, ² 1894.	John Maxwell, ² 1933.
Edward J. Atkinson, ² 1895.	Josiah C. Read, ² 1934.
James S. Graham, ² 1896.	Robert M. Rownd, ³ Ripley, 1935.
Albert D. Shaw, ² 1897.	George C. Eldredge, ² 1936.
Anson S. Wood, ² 1898.	Joseph Bauer, ² 1937.
Joseph W. Kay, ² 1899.	Thomas H. Stritch, ² 1938-39.
N. P. Pond, ² 1900.	Henry Lilly, ² 1940.
Charles A. Orr, ² 1901.	Edwin Morris, ² 1941.
Allan C. Bakewell, ² 1902.	James A. Hard, ⁶ Rochester, 1942.
John S. Foster, ² 1903.	John W. Hays, ⁵ Brookview, 1943.
Henry N. Burlans, ² 1904.	Frank E. Cooley, ² Rensselaer, 1944.
James N. Snyder, ² 1905.	John W. Hays, ² Brookview, 1945 (died in office).
John S. Maxwell, ² 1906.	Frank E. Cooley, ² Rensselaer, 1945 (died in office).
Harlan J. Swift, ² 1907.	James A. Hard, ⁴ Rochester, 1945-46.
William H. Daniels, ² 1908.	
M. J. Cummings, ² 1909.	
DeWitt C. Hurd, ² 1910.	
De Alva S. Alexander, ² 1884, transferred from Potomac.	
W. L. Palmer, ² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.	
A. E. Sholes, ² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.	
David R. Wilson, ² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.	
John C. Gipson, ² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jacob Lester, Binghamton, 1931

² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.⁶ Junior vice department commander.

OHIO (4)

(Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1946, 4. Posts, 2)

Department commander JOHN H. GRATE,^{6 7} Atwater, Ohio.
Assistant adjutant general JOHN R. BENNETT, Waynesfield.

DELEGATE

Hiram Conrad, Alliance

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	George Hall, ² 1908.
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1868-70.	Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.
William C. Burnts, ² 1871-72.	J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	W. H. Surles, ² 1916.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	D. M. Hall, ² 1918.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.
Charles T. Clark, ² 1882-83.	John M. Adams, ² 1920.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
A. M. Warner, ² 1891.	John McClay, ² 1928.
Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
L. H. Williams, ² 1893.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
Charles Townsend, ² 1895.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.	Charles J. McDargh, ² 1934.
David F. Pugh, ² 1898.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.	Francis S. Layton, ² 1936.
Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.	Theodore Wells, ² 1937.
Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.	Frederick Pfeister, Cincinnati, 1938.
Walton Weber, ² 1902.	Frank S. Morris, ² 1939.
Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.	Thomas Ridenour, ^{2 3} Crestline, 1940.
B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.	David M. Robbins, ² 1941.
Amos Huffman, ² 1905.	Byron W. Joslin, ² 1942.
George A. Harmon, ² 1906.	John R. Bennett, ³ Waynesfield, 1943.
W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.	Lewis Heiston, ² Pleasantville, 1944.
John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).	John Grate, ^{4 6 7} Atwater, 1945-46.

² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Senior vice commander in chief⁷ Commander in chief.

OKLAHOMA (44)

(Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1946, 5. Posts, 0. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908)

Department commander----- SYLVESTER S. PATTERSON,⁴ Tonkawa.
Senior vice department commander----- MOSES RATLEDGE, Enid.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
J. P. Cummings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	J. C. White, ² 1917.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	W. S. Tilton, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899.	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, ² Elgin, 1913.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
	S. Patterson, ⁴ Tonkawa, 1938-46.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN TERRITORY BY MERGER, MAY 19-22, 1908

E. Calkins, ² 1891.	Gideon S. White, ² 1899.
B. F. Harris, ² 1892.	John S. Hammer, ² 1900-02.
J. H. Spann, ² 1893.	J. A. Rose, ² 1903.
Savelon Boyles, ² 1894.	Robert Ross, ² 1904.
J. L. Thomas, ² 1895.	Samuel H. Smith, ² 1905.
William H. Harrison, ² 1896.	J. F. Ayers, ² 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver, ² 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, ² 1907.
David Redfield, ² 1898.	
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898, transferred from Kansas.	
John C. Gipson, ² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).	

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

OREGON (26)

(Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1946, 1. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,¹⁵ Portland.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce, ² 1882.	S. W. Taylor, ² 1913.
G. E. Caulkin, ² 1883.	H. S. Fargo, ² 1914.
F. J. Babcock, ² 1884.	George A. Harding, ² 1915.
F. H. Lamb, ² 1885-86.	Joseph E. Hall, ² 1916.
M. L. Olmstead, ² 1887.	J. G. Chambers, ² 1917.
A. E. Borthwick, ² 1888.	Tillman H. Stevens, ² 1918.
E. B. McElroy, ² 1889.	Daniel Webster, ² 1919.
James A. Varney, ² 1890.	J. T. Butler, ² 1920.
Owen Summers, ² 1891.	C. A. Williams, ² 1921.
H. H. Northrup, ² 1892.	D. L. McKay, ² 1922.
J. C. Cooper, ² 1893.	George R. Castner, ² 1923.
S. B. Ormsby, ² 1894.	Henry E. Dosch, ² 1924 (died in office).
E. W. Allen, ² 1895.	J. L. Crow, ² 1924.
D. C. Sherman, ² 1896.	J. F. Nelson, ² 1925.
Frank Reisner, ² 1897.	William Clemens, ² 1926.
C. P. Holloway, ² 1898.	H. S. Lillagar, ² 1927.
H. V. Gates, ² 1899.	William Clemens, ² 1928.
A. J. Goodbrod, ² 1900.	L. C. Washburn, ² 1929 (died in office).
J. A. Sladen, ² 1901.	Charles True, ² 1929 (died in office).
M. L. Pratt, ² 1902.	Gideon Stolz, ² 1929.
David H. Turner, ² 1903.	Wm. M. Colvig, ² 1930.
B. F. Pike, ² 1904.	Charles M. Eichler, ² 1931.
T. E. Hills, ² 1905.	J. W. Jones, ² 1932.
Hamer Sutcliffe, ² 1906.	H. V. Gates, ² 1933-34 (died in office).
S. F. Blythe, ² 1907.	J. W. Ridge, ² 1935.
J. T. Apperson, ² 1908.	John C. Thomson, ² 1936 (died in office).
James P. Shaw, ² 1909.	Z. T. Bryant, ² 1937 (died in office).
W. J. R. Beach, ² 1910.	Henry Hopkins, ² 1937.
Newton Clark, ² 1911.	T. A. Penland, ⁵ Portland, 1937-46.
Thomas B. McDevitt, ² 1912.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Senior vice commander in chief.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

(Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1946, 3)

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner, ² 1866-67.	J. Andrew Wilt, ² 1905.
A. L. Pearson, ² 1868	M. A. Gherst, ² 1906.
O. C. Bosbyshell, ² 1869.	William T. Powell, ² 1907.
Howard J. Reeder, ² 1870-71.	P. De Lacy, ² 1908.
Frank Reeder, ² 1872.	Thad M. Mahon, ² 1909.
Robert B. Beath, ² 1873.	L. W. Moore, ² 1910.
A. Wilson Norris, ² 1874.	N. P. Kingsley, ² 1911.
W. W. Tyson, ² 1875.	Thomas H. Cole, ² 1912.
James W. Latta, ² 1876.	William J. Wells, ² 1913.
Samuel I. Givin, ² 1877.	John A. Fairman, ² 1914.
Charles T. Hull, ² 1878.	C. C. Gramlich, ² 1915.
George L. Brown, ² 1879.	L. F. Arensberg, ² 1916.
Chill W. Hazard, ² 1880.	Noah Dietrich, ² 1917.
John Taylor, ² 1881.	J. D. Hicks, ² 1918.
John M. Vanderslice, ² 1882.	George W. Rhoads, ² 1919.
E. S. Osborne, ² 1883.	C. H. Wm. Ruhe, ² 1920.
Frederick H. Dyer, ² 1884.	Charles C. Taylor, ² 1921.
F. Austin Curtin, ² 1885.	W. F. Hambright, ² 1922.
J. P. S. Gobin, ² 1886.	J. J. Shoemaker, ² 1923.
Samuel Harper, ² 1887.	H. H. Spayd, ² 1924.
Frank J. Magee, ² 1888.	A. M. Breckenridge, ² 1925.
Thomas J. Stewart, ² 1889.	Samuel P. Town, ² 1926.
Joseph F. Denniston, ² 1890.	John B. Patrick, ² 1927.
George G. Boyer, ² 1891.	George I. Rudolph, ² 1928.
John P. Taylor, ² 1892.	Phil Engelskirger, ² 1929.
Thomas G. Sample, ² 1893.	Chas. W. Meconnahey, ² 1930.
William Emsley, ² 1894.	John R. Steele, ² 1931.
H. H. Cumings, ² 1895.	Jacob Barron, ² 1932.
Alfred Darte, ² 1896.	A. T. Anderson, ² 1933.
William D. Stauffer, ² 1897.	George W. Gillett, ² 1934-35.
William J. Patterson, ² 1898.	Wm. W. Reynolds, ² 1936 (died in office).
James F. Morrison, ² 1899.	John Little, ² 1936 (died in office).
Charles Miller, ² 1900.	A. T. Anderson, ² 1937.
Levi G. McCauley, ² 1901.	C. H. Wm. Ruhe, ² 1938-39.
R. P. Scott, ² 1902.	A. W. Gabrio, ⁴ Hazleton, 1940-41.
Edwin Walton, ² 1903.	Joseph L. Chapman, ² 1942.
John McNevin, ² 1904.	A. W. Gabrio, ^{2,4} Hazleton, 1943-45.
James E. Porter, ² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.	
James M. Davis, ² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

(Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1946, 2. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- HIRAM R. GALE,⁴ Seattle.
Junior vice department commander----- JACOB CHEADLE, Olympia.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878-82.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	H. R. Gale, ³ Seattle, 1914.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1933-34.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	George L. Foster, ² 1936.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	L. A. Wilcox, ⁵ Cadott, Wis., 1937.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1938-41 (died in office).
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	S. B. Tift, ² Everett, 1942.
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	Hiram R. Gale, ⁴ Seattle, 1943-46.
F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.	
John E. Phelps, ² 1889, transferred from Missouri.	
E. A. Shores, ² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.	

² Deceased.⁴ Past commander in chief.⁵ Transferred to Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN (2)

(Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1946, 4. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- L. A. WILCOX, Cadott.
Senior vice department commander----- ANSEL GOOLSBY, Chetek.
Assistant adjutant general----- C. L. HOOKER, Virginia, Minn.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
Philip Cheek, ² 1883-84.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	Walter O. Pietsch, ² 1920.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	W. H. Chesbrough, ² 1931.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	Henry Held, ² 1933.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	Thaddeus Sheerin, ² 1934.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	Charles M. Hambright, ² 1935.
David J. James, ² 1900.	Chas. F. Moulton, ² 1936.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	W. P. Bryant, ² 1937.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	John Hart, ² 1938.
J. P. Rungle, ² 1903.	A. R. Kibbe, ² 1939.
Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.	B. Regli, ² 1940.
F. A. Copeland, ² 1905.	James F. Jones, ² 1941.
John W. Ganes, ² 1906.	John W. Miller, ² 1942.
Lansing A. Wilcox, ⁶ Cadott, transferred from Washington and Alaska.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

COMMITTEES**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

John H. Grate, commander in chief, Atwater, Ohio.
Theodore A. Penland, senior vice commander in chief, Portland, Oreg.
Orlando LeValley, junior vice commander in chief, Caro, Mich.
John S. Dumser, adjutant general, Oakland, Calif.
John C. Adams, quartermaster general, Jonesboro, Ind.
Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.
Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.
James P. Martin, Iowa.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

John S. Dumser, adjutant general, chairman.
John R. Bennett, assistant adjutant general, Ohio.
James P. Martin, department commander, Iowa.
Grace N. Darling, assistant secretary, Maine.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARtermaster GENERAL

Robert M. Rownd, New York.
Orlando LeValley, Michigan.
Amy Noll, assistant secretary, Iowa.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS**ON THE DEATH OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF ISAAC W. SHARP**

Robert M. Rownd, New York.
John C. Adams, Indiana.
Hiram H. Shumate, Illinois.

Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organization as heretofore announced

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey ²	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island ²	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire ²	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont ²	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, ¹ provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina ²	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina	
16	Maryland, ² organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	May 20, 1892
17	Nebraska	June 9, 1876
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	June 11, 1877
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Oct. 3, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 28, 1889
23	Delaware ²	Mar. 16, 1880
24	Minnesota organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Jan. 14, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
26	Oregon	Apr. 22, 1882
27	Kentucky	Sept. 28, 1882
28	West Virginia, ² organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 16, 1883
29	South Dakota ²	Feb. 20, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota	Feb. 27, 1883
30	Washington and Alaska	Apr. 11, 1890
31	Arkansas ²	June 20, 1883
32	New Mexico ²	July 11, 1883
33	Utah ²	July 14, 1883
34	Tennessee ²	Oct. 9, 1883
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ²	Feb. 26, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi	May 15, 1884
36	Florida ²	June 13, 1888
37	Montana ²	June 19, 1884
38	Texas ²	Mar. 10, 1885
39	Idaho ²	Mar. 25, 1885
40	Arizona ²	Jan. 11, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 17, 1888
42	Alabama ²	Jan. 25, 1889
43	North Dakota ²	Mar. 12, 1889
44	Oklahoma	Apr. 23, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	Apr. 7, 1890
45	Indian Territory	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	July 3, 1891

¹ Charter surrendered.

² Closed by death of all members.



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LEFT TO RIGHT: WM. H. OSBORN, MISSOURI, AGED 104; JOHN C. ADAMS, INDIANA, AGED 100; JOHN H. GRATE, OHIO, AGED 102; ROBERT M. ROWND, NEW YORK, AGED 102; JOHN R. BENNETT, OHIO, AGED 100.

ATTENDANCE AT ENCAMPMENT

Indiana: John C. Adams.
Missouri: William H. Osborn.
New York: Robert M. Rownd.
Ohio: John H. Grate, John R. Bennett.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ENCAMPMENT

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, AUGUST 10 TO 14, 1947.

The Eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the directors room of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, at 1:55 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, August 13, 1947, Commander in Chief John H. Grate, of Atwater, Ohio, presiding.

Mrs. GRACE M. DARLING (secretary Department of Maine Grand Army of the Republic, and assistant secretary, during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic). Comrades, I am authorized to be acting secretary of these sessions. As such I shall be the voice of your commander.

This is the opening of the first formal session of the Eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GRATE. This encampment now is open regularly for business.

Mrs. DARLING. Chaplain Rownd, we call upon you to ask the blessing of the Heavenly Father.

Chaplain in Chief ROBERT M. Rownd. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with gratitude in our hearts and with expressions of deep appreciation for all the blessings that Thou has bestowed upon us. We pray that Thou wilt be with us in our meetings, give us direction and thought, and let Thy Holy Spirit rest upon each one of us and give us wisdom to solve the questions that may arise in our meeting. Bless us each one. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mrs. DARLING. The credentials committee finds that we have four departments represented, and three officers and two members of the national department of the Grand Army of the Republic present. I will now call the roll of officers.

(Following is the result of the roll call:)

Present: Commander in Chief John H. Grate, Chaplain in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Quartermaster General John C. Adams.

Absent: Senior Vice Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland, Junior Vice Commander in Chief Orlando LeValley, Adjutant General John S. Dumser, National Patriotic Instructor Albert Woolson, National Chief of Staff Hiram H. Shumate.

There were also present at the encampment the following Comrades: Wm. H. Osborn, of Missouri; John R. Bennett of Ohio.

Mrs. DARLING. That makes a total attendance of five at this Eighty-first National Encampment.

Now comrades, since we have called our meeting late, some of the greetings committees are here and some from other organizations are due, I ask for a motion to adjourn the business of this session until those greetings have been presented. I am asking for a motion.

(Motion by Comrade Rownd, duly seconded and carried.)

The following committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was then admitted: Past Commanders in Chief H. Harding Hale, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Wm. L. Anderson, Urion W. Mackey, and J. Kirkwood Craig, and Paul E. Grate, grandnephew of Commander in Chief Grate and Past Department Commander of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. DARLING. Commander in Chief and comrades, we have very great honor in presenting a greetings committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. HALE. Commander in Chief GRATE and your associates here of the Eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, we come as a delegation from the national organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to bring to you our hearty, wholehearted greetings and to tell you that our spirit is strong as we gather new strength from you and know the effort you all have made to come to Cleveland, Ohio, to once more hold your session and to renew the days of long association. We have the same spirit, being of the same blood. We have the same aspirations to make a better democracy of our America. We desire most of all to carry on the things you hold near and dear, and to love with the same devotion which you taught us the Stars and Stripes of a united country.

We have with us, I think, four past commanders in chief, but we have first to present to you someone who is in your own family, Commander in Chief Grate. His name is Grate and we have great affection for him. Paul E. Grate, your grandnephew.

Mr. PAUL E. GRATE. Commander and Uncle John, and comrades, I wish for you the best convention that is possible. He served as my commanding officer the year that I had the pleasure to serve as department commander of the State of Ohio Sons of Veterans. I hope that you and your comrades have a very pleasant convention, and I will be seeing you again.

Mr. HALE. Now let us present to you J. Kirkwood Craig, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, for a few words.

Mr. CRAIG. Commander in Chief and comrades of my father, I have no desire at all to take any of your time because it is a very hot day and we ought to be back at our own convention. I am very happy as a past commander in chief, not in the order of seniority, simply to come and bring you our greetings and best wishes and assure you again that the Sons of Union Veterans plan very definitely to carry on the principles for which you have lived and loved and served so long. As Tiny Tim would say, "God bless you, everyone." Thank you.

Mr. HALE. Next I present Past Commander in Chief William L. Anderson, of Massachusetts.

Mr. ANDERSON. Commander in Chief and comrades of the national organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am indeed happy to have this honor today to come here and assist my brothers in bringing to you the best wishes of our national organization.

I was mighty glad, too, to have the opportunity to meet my commander in chief, Past Commander in Chief Rownd.

It must be an interesting factor for you comrades to assemble as you are here today, realizing that you have gone through and witnessed and saw the outcome of four wars in this country; and those veterans who served in those wars fought for the same principles and ideas that you did; and we today as citizens in America are thankful

to know that we are citizens of this great country that you saved for us. I am mighty glad to be a member of this committee and bring these greetings to you. Thank you.

Mr. HALE. Now we have from far-off California, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, a past commander in chief of our order. Dr. Barrett.

Dr. BARRETT. Commander in Chief Grate, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I feel highly honored to have the privilege of stepping into this, I want to say, Holy of Holies because of the inspiration it is to me and has been through the years.

I am an Ohio boy. My father was an Ohio soldier. But now I have been in California for some time, tried to carry on the work there.

There is one comrade here from Joplin, Mo. (Comrade Osborn). Will he hold up his hand? Right here. He probably has forgotten, but I met him down there one time several years ago when I was commander in chief.

So God bless you all. Thank you.

Mr. HALE. Next comes the man from Michigan, Past Commander in Chief Urion W. Mackey.

Mr. MACKEY. Commander in Chief, it is a great honor for me this afternoon to stand in front of you. A brother of my grandfather served in the same company as you did. I certainly deem it an honor to come in the presence of the Grand Army again. I just wish to bring you our good wishes. You know we will carry on the work that you boys have started. Thank you all.

Mr. HALE. Now, in conclusion we sincerely trust that you will hold forth again next year, and we are waiting your attitude about that to hear the announcement of when and where we are to see you again in 1948.

Commander in Chief GRATE. I am awfully glad to meet these Sons of Veterans and hope they enjoy this meeting as well as I do, for I am sure we are enjoying it very much. I hope we can continue and I hope the Sons of Veterans will get along peaceably and have as good a time as we do. I know we have enjoyed it very well. [Committee retires.]

Mrs. DARLING. Comrades, we have in waiting a greetings committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans: Edith B. Nile, Anne Lockyer, Margaret Gehret, and a couple of men, George Waller and Robert Austin.

Mrs. LOCKYER. Comrade Grate, I don't know of any happier woman in our national convention today than I happen to be when my national president placed me on the committee to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I know that you know that our members all love you and want to do everything we can to keep you well and happy, and as a result of that I think the best thing I can do is to make our visit short so you can get through with your business session and then have a rest period.

On behalf of our national president I want to extend to you the greetings of the national organization Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and its members; and our national president's personal greetings and a gift from our national body.

This is just a little personal gift, Comrade Grate. You buy something for yourself. But this is our national gift. This is for you.

I don't need to introduce the next one. It is your old pal, Past National President Edith Nile. You don't know her, do you?

Commander in Chief GRATE. I want to express my sincere thanks.

Mrs. NILE. Good afternoon, Comrade Grate. I just want to give you a little gift from Errett and me, and wish that you have a good meeting. I hope you won't be too tired when it is all over.

Mrs. GEHRET. Comrade Grate, as president of the Ohio Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans I have the pleasure to present you this small gift from your Department Auxiliary.

Mr. GEOGRE WALLER (Ohio department commander, Sons of Union Veterans). You are as much surprised as I am, Comrade Grate. I represent the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I present you this little gift in behalf of all the Sons of Veterans from Ohio. I wish a successful convention for you and many, many more conventions. I will see you in Alliance as usual after this week is over.

Mr. ROBERT AUSTIN. Commander Grate, in behalf of your own Sons and Auxiliary from Alliance I wish to present this token of our love and esteem. We will see you when you get back home. Take good care of yourself.

Mrs. DARLING. Thank you very much. I know that he appreciates this delegation more than he can tell. Thank you for coming. [Committee retires.]

After these delightful visitations, comrades, we will proceed with our business for the day. This is the moment when we shall have the address of the commander in chief read. Since it is difficult for you to hear, Miss Gillis had printed in a single pamphlet the Address of the Commander in Chief, the reports of the various officers of the organization, and her report. You have a copy of that address and the reports, and we thought it would be easier if you read that personally and we could act now to accept that report as printed. A motion is in order.

Comrade Rownd. Commander in Chief, I move that the reports that have been printed, being your address and the reports of the various officers and the Secretary, be approved and placed on file. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Mrs. DARLING. All those in favor, the usual sign. Contrary? Carried.

Commander in Chief GRATE. So recorded.

(The address of the commander in chief is as follows:)

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

On August 30, 1946, you bestowed upon me the highest office within your power and I fully appreciate the honor which you gave to the Department of Ohio and to myself. I realized when taking office that it would be impossible for me to make any visits to my comrades in other States, but have kept in touch with you through our general orders throughout the year and the visits of our secretary.

Shortly after my return home I was honored with a banquet and entertainment given by the Allied Organizations in the city of Al-

liance. This was attended by many members from different parts of the country, including the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and secretary of the National Grand Army of the Republic, Miss Cora E. Gillis, of Jamestown, N. Y., the national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Edna S. Lambert and her husband, Past Commander in Chief Albert Lambert, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Department presidents of all the allied orders were present also and seated at the guest table. Following the dinner we proceeded to the high school where a fine address was delivered by Paul Herbert, of Columbus, now the Lieutenant Governor of our State. Many gifts were received at this time, which were truly appreciated.

Accompanied by our secretary, Miss Gillis, and my son, Clarence Eno, I attended a county installation service of the American Legion at Garrettsville, and was honor guest at their dinner preceding the meeting.

I was also honored by the town of Atwater with a wonderful reception and many gifts were received at this time. I have attended a dinner in Columbus for the commander in chief of the American Legion, a dinner in Ravenna given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, reception sponsored by the Summit County Historical Society of Akron, my regimental reunion in Warren, a banquet at the Country Club, a banquet of the Woman's Relief Corps at Ravenna, attend my own post meetings once a month, was the honored guest at the Congregational Church at a special Veterans' Day service, assisted in services on Memorial Day and the Sunday preceding it, I was also an honored guest at the Atwater High School, where I was presented with a scrapbook made by the children in the school.

In June I attended the department convention of the Grand Army of the Republic in Columbus, Ohio, and was again elected commander of the Department of Ohio.

I recently received an invitation to attend the unveiling of a portrait of the widow of General Longstreet in Atlanta, Ga., but because of the distance was unable to attend. An invitation was also received to attend a garden party at the White House in Washington, D. C. Many invitations have been received this year and would have liked to attend all of these affairs, but because of the distance it was impossible to accept them. I do appreciate being remembered by the various organizations.

After my election last year I began receiving letters from various people by the name of Grate from all parts of the country and through this means of communication was able to get in touch with a cousin in Auburn, Ind., whom I had never known. He visited me for 2 days at my home in Atwater and it was my privilege to show him the house in which his father had lived in the early days in Ohio.

It was decided at the last encampment held in Indianapolis that it was no longer necessary for the secretary to move to various parts of the country and for that reason the office has been located in her home in Jamestown, N. Y., this past year, where she has been able to get in touch with me when necessary. The amount of correspondence has been greatly increased this year, no doubt due to the fact that the office was located in the central part of the country and was established early in the year.

LEGISLATION

After deciding to hold the national encampment in Cleveland this year we immediately got in touch with the Congresswoman from Ohio, Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, asking that she introduce a bill to bring the United States Marine Band to our encampment. Mrs. Bolton went to work on this immediately and through her efforts, and also those of Senator John Bricker, bills were passed in both Houses and signed by the President so that once more we will have the privilege of listening to the inspiring music of this wonderful band under the leadership of Maj. William F. Santelmann.

When we learned of the promotion of Captain Santelmann to the rank of major we immediately sent him a letter of congratulations and best wishes from his many friends in the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. This band now seems a part of our organization and without it no encampment would be complete.

MEMBERSHIP

Death has entered our ranks many times this year, taking, very soon after our last encampment, our beloved Past Commander in Chief Isaac W. Sharp. Just prior to our encampment we were saddened by the death of Past Commander in Chief George Jones of Togus, Maine. The report of the adjutant general will show the losses up to the end of 1946, but since that time the grim reaper has entered our ranks many times and by the death of Charles Burt of Massachusetts that department has been closed. It was also deemed advisable to close the department of Minnesota and with appropriate ceremonies this was done during the week of their encampment in June of this year. The remaining members are now members at large under the national encampment.

FINANCES

Through the generosity of our allied organizations we have been supplied with sufficient funds to carry us through this year and with a small balance to start another year. To our Auxiliary and allied organizations we extend our sincere appreciation of all you have done for us financially and in other ways during this year. Without you we could not have carried on so long.

We are as usual indebted to Mrs. Zola Miller Donahoe for her splendid work in handling our Southern Memorial work at memorial time. This is a tremendous task but with her knowledge of the work it has been capably handled once more and a small balance has been returned to the Quartermaster's office. To you, Mrs. Donahoe, we say, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are proving yourself a real Daughter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Again I want to thank all who have remembered me so kindly this year. I am deeply indebted to the members of our Auxiliary and allied orders for the many courtesies shown me and the lovely gifts. I appreciate the spirit of cooperation which you have given to me this year and wish for all of you happy and harmonious conventions.

To my ever faithful friend, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, words are inadequate to express my appreciation for your many kindnesses and helpfulness to me this year and for many years. I want to express my thanks to you for your efforts to secure an appropriation from our State of Ohio this year for our national encampment. No one could have worked harder than you have done and we all appreciate it.

To our secretary, our thanks for the work you are doing. It was a privilege last year to nominate you to this office and we appreciate your work.

My year is drawing to a close, but it will always remain a bright spot in my memory. The many friendships formed this year will be cherished and I am looking forward to a happy reunion with my comrades and friends in Cleveland next month. I appreciate the honor which was bestowed on me and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon you all through the years to come.

JOHN H. GRATE,
Commander in Chief.

Mrs. DARLING. At this point we have the memorial for Past Commander in Chief Sharp. Reading for the Commander in Chief the resolution on the death of Past Commander in Chief Isaac W. Sharp. (The memorial will be found at p. 147 of this journal.)

A motion is in order that this memorial be placed on record and published in the journal. [Moved by Comrade Rownd, seconded by Comrade Adams, and unanimously carried.]

Comrades, we have in waiting a greetings committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Commander in Chief asks that they be admitted.

Commander in Chief and comrades, these Daughters have come to greet you. This is Mrs. Clara Yengling, past national president; Mrs. Bertha Droz, past national president; and Mrs. Jennie Duffy, president of the Department of Ohio.

Mrs. YENGLING. Dear Comrade Grate, our Commander in Chief, and all your dear comrades assembled here, we Daughters are very happy and very proud to come here with the greetings of our convention to you assembled here in your eighty-first national encampment. We are more than happy because our national president sent Ohio girls. I happen to be from Cleveland, Sister Bertha Droz from Mansfield, and Sister Jennie Duffy from Zanesville. So we bring you greetings from our convention to yours, with all the love and best wishes possible to be wrapped up in a package to you. We also want to present the boys with a little gift. We know it has been pretty warm here and perhaps you have run out of hankies, so we have these to help you out for the rest of the encampment.

Mrs. DROZ. I would like to shake hands with the Commander in Chief because he is from Ohio. He is one of our comrades, and we wish you and for you a happy convention and a safe return to your homes—all of you. I am so glad I could be on this committee.

Mrs. DUFFY. Comrade Grate and all of our other dear comrades, we Ohio girls feel that this is quite a privilege that we have been allowed to come here to your convention to extend our greetings because, as you remember, the Daughters of Union Veterans was founded in Ohio; and so we feel quite honored that we had the privilege of coming to you, and we hope to meet you again next year.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you. I feel like home, there are so many Ohioans around here. [The committee retires.]

Mrs. DARLING. While we have been having greetings from committees who visit us, I think we will intersperse that with some greetings from those away.

We have greetings from the President of the United States, which will be read tonight at the Campfire.

Greetings from Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans' Administration:

Mr. JOHN H. GRATE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER GRATE: I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to attend the eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Cleveland beginning August 10. It was most thoughtful of you to include me again in your plans for this year's meeting.

However, I am to leave early next month on an inspection of United States Army troops and installations in Europe and the Mediterranean area for the War Department. I regret very much, therefore, that I shall be unable to join you.

Again let me thank you for your kindness and wish you a most successful and enjoyable encampment.

Sincerely,

OMAR N. BRADLEY,
General, United States Army,
Administrator.

We have here an invitation from the president, the national president, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Mr. JOHN H. GRATE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER: You and your entire convention are cordially invited to be guests of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at their Fathers and Mothers banquet, to be held in the Euclid Ball Room, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, August 13, at 6 p. m.

Hope we may have the pleasure of greeting all of you.

Cordially yours,

MABEL Y. COFFEY,
National President,
Ladies of the G.A.R.

That is tonight at 6 o'clock.

We have a telegram:

CARO, MICH., September 11.

I deeply regret that my physical condition has prevented me from attending and taking my part in the Eighty-First National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Greetings to my commander in chief and all the beloved comrades. My best wishes to the Grand Army and all the allied orders for a most successful encampment.

ORLANDO LEVALLEY,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

I might say that Junior Vice Commander in Chief LeValley was all ready to come, but because of the intense heat they thought best for him to stay at home.

This is from Bloomfield, N. J.:

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Cleveland, Ohio.

In remembrance of my father, John T. Coates, who was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, I extend affectionate greetings to all of you, both present and absent. In admiration,

JOHN F. COATES,
27 Vernon Terrace.

Here is a telegram from Milwaukee, Wis.:

JOHN H. GRATE,
Commander in Chief, GAR Encampment:

My best wishes to you all for happiness and good health.

ROBERT SCHEFFING,
Lincoln Student.

We have had flowers presented to us on Monday by the National Junior Girls of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We have a long letter of greeting from Mrs. Leoda Dixon, president, and Ada S. Harrison Willis in Newark, N. J. We will put it on file, because it is quite lengthy.

We have greetings from Lucretia S. Boyd, Joplin, Mo., which we will put on file.

Up to date that is all of the greetings. A motion is in order to accept these greetings.

Comrade Rownd. I move that the secretary be authorized to acknowledge the greetings, those that have been read and those that have been placed on file. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett, and carried.]

Mrs. DARLING. Now we are going to wind up finally our Minnesota difficulty. Our legal adviser has approved a resolution which takes care of the matter, and I will read it to you:

Whereas the Department of Minnesota has reported that on the 4th day of June 1947 it had voted to close the department and wind up its affairs; Therefore be it

Resolved, That in closing the Department of Minnesota the action taken by its department be approved, ratified, and confirmed.

I ask for a motion that this be approved, accepted, and confirmed.

Comrade Rownd. I move that the action be approved, accepted, and confirmed. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed, "No." The motion was carried. That closes that controversy. I have to follow that up. I have here a letter from Orrin S. Pierce—quite lengthy, but would you like to hear the letter? It is just simply to the point that they have complied with the request and have closed the department. He wants very much to be made a member at large and has sent his money for the 4 years over which he has been suspended to the amount of \$4 and asks that he be given a certificate of membership at large. We have a provision for that in the rules and regulations that when a department is closed any veteran who wishes may become a member at large by paying the annual dues of \$1 per year, and we have such certificates to issue to our members at large. What is the feeling of this Department?

Comrade Rownd. My vote would depend largely upon the character of the man.

Mrs. DARLING. I think, Comrade Rownd, that that has been threshed out. It has been through the courts. He has written a very humble letter that he wants very much to have his certificate as member at large, and if he has a certificate as member at large it puts him back in good standing. Our rules and regulations provide that he has a right to ask to be reinstated. If we do not reinstate him we simply pick a blister open and make it larger.

Comrade Rownd. Any recommendation or suggestion as to the course of action to be taken concerning it from the legal adviser?

Mrs. DARLING. Yes; we have a letter from the legal adviser that the affair has been wound up, the department is closed, and Comrade Pierce has a right, by the payment of his dues, to become a member at large.

Comrade ROWND. In view of that fact, I move that his money be accepted and he be elected as member at large. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that the petition of Orrin S. Pierce be accepted and that he be granted a certificate of membership at large, his dues having been paid for the time which has elapsed.

We can act at the same time upon the petitions from Albert Woolson, who has remitted his dues and asks for a certificate as member at large. What is your wish for him?

Comrade ROWND. I move that the same action be taken as the case just settled. [Motion seconded.]

Mrs. DARLING. Moved and seconded that the petition of Albert Woolson to become a member at large be granted and a certificate issued to him.

I also have Anson B. Baker and Nathan Colburn from the Department of Minnesota who have asked to become members at large. Now we want a motion and a second to vote on all these petitions at once that these veterans of Minnesota be given certificates at large. A motion is in order.

Comrade ROWND. That embraces the petitions, four in number, and the motion presented for this as a whole.

Mrs. DARLING. Yes; these four men. A motion is in order. Comrade Adams makes the motion and Comrade Rownd seconds it. It has been moved and seconded that the petitions of these four veterans from the Department of Minnesota be accepted and certificates as members at large be issued to them when their dues are duly paid. All those in favor? Contrary, "No." It's a vote.

Following are the communications from the Minnesota comrades above referred to:

Commander in Chief John H. Grate received a letter from Comrade Orrin S. Pierce stating:

The litigation regarding my suspension from the Grand Army of the Republic until I surrender the properties of Morgan Post is now finished. I am ready to now obey the order of the court and surrender, and receive my membership as comrade at large in the Department of Minnesota.

AUGUST 7, 1947.

Hon. JOHN H. GRATE,

*Commander in Chief, National Grand Army of the Republic,
Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.*

DEAR COMRADES: In view of the decision reached at the last two (1946-47) GAR department encampments of Minnesota in closing the department finally culminated at this past encampment of June 4, 1947.

I, with Comrades Anson B. Baker and Nathan Colburn, comrades of the now closed Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, do petition the national encampment for comrade at large membership in the national GAR encampment and herewith enclose my dues for same in amount of \$1 per year.

We do most sincerely petition that the national encampment approve the resolution declaring the Department of Minnesota Grand Army of the Republic closed, now and for all time, and that the State be so notified.

That the secretary be allowed to close the records, complete the issuing of the 1946 and 1947 journal of proceedings, and whatever else is necessary to do, this under the supervision of Department Attorney, Francis M. Smith, that every detail in the closing will be legally complied with.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,
[SEAL]

ALBERT WOOLSON,
Department Commander,
Minnesota, GAR now closed.

AUGUST 7, 1947.

Hon. JOHN H. GRATE,
Commander in Chief National Grand Army of the Republic,
Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR COMRADES: In view of the decision reached at the last two (1946 and 1947) GAR department encampments of Minnesota in closing the department, which finally culminated at this past encampment of June 4, 1947.

We, the undersigned comrades of the now closed department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, do petition the national encampment for comrade at large membership in the national GAR encampment and herewith enclose our dues for same at \$1 per year.

We do most sincerely petition that the national encampment approve the resolution declaring the department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic closed, now and for all time and that the State be so notified.

That the secretary be allowed to close the records, complete the issuing of the 1946 and 1947 GAR journal of proceedings, and whatever else is necessary to do, this under the supervision of Department Attorney Francis M. Smith, that every detail in the closing will be legally complied with.

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty,
[SEAL]

ANSON B. BAKER,
Senior Vice Commander and Assistant Adjutant
and Quartermaster General, Minnesota Department, GAR.
NATHAN COLBURN,
Department Member at Large.

Mrs. DARLING. Gentlemen, we have received an invitation from Grand Rapids, Mich., to hold our 1948 encampment there. We don't have to take definite action as to whether we will go to Grand Rapids or not, but Mr. Frank Whitwam from the convention bureau of Grand Rapids is here and he would like to say a word to you at this time.

Mr. WHITWAM. Comrades, I want to assure you it is a pleasure to come here before you today. I believe that all of you comrades have been in Grand Rapids at previous conventions. I think you know the city. I think you know its facilities. I think you know what we have to offer there in the way of hotels and buildings. I believe you are thoroughly familiar with the spirit of Grand Rapids. I believe you know there is no city in the United States more willing to have you than Grand Rapids, Mich. We have had you there. The Grand Army belongs to Grand Rapids. We have been privileged for many years to have the State Grand Army there. I believe we will have it again next year, although it is not definitely decided as yet.

Grand Rapids will give you an air-conditioned meeting room, and if it is as hot as this I know it is going to be appreciated. We will give you hotel space to accommodate all of your delegations in the Morton and the Rowe, and we will have quarters for you in the Pantlind and the hotels will give complimentary space to the other heads there. We will supply meeting rooms for your organization and the allied groups without cost. There will be no cost for any meeting room.

I cannot come to you today and say we will guarantee so much money for the convention. I am not in a position to do that. I will say that

I have talked with the Sons in Grand Rapids and I have talked to some of the Daughters. Some of them are interested. They tell me they go out and put on a program that will raise money to finance any necessary expense there in connection with the GAR. I cannot tell you how much or I cannot give you a guaranty. I can tell you this, personally. This is one of my hopes for this convention. I want to see the Grand Army have the best of everything, and I mean just that.

If you will come to Grand Rapids I will go to work with the Sons and Daughters and the other groups and we will get out a program and we will make some money in order that we may cover the necessary expense. But as I say, I cannot say to you that we will have 2, 3, or 4 thousand dollars. I am not in that position. However, I know by assurances of many of our friends in Grand Rapids, members of the allied groups, that they will work with me. I can say that.

Now I believe that everybody is familiar with Grand Rapids, with the hotels there. Would you like these pictures of the auditorium?

Mrs. DARLING. I think Miss Gillis has them here.

Mr. WHITWAM. I have a picture of the Civic Auditorium, the finest building of its kind in the country. Perfectly air-conditioned for the various groups. Your own meeting rooms will be in the Pantlind and the auditorium directly across the street. The Morton and the Rowe have various meetings rooms for the allied groups, and, as I say, without any charge.

Comrade Rownd. That is about all you can say. I think each one of the members here was at Grand Rapids at the last convention we had there, 1936, and we are very familiar with the city of Grand Rapids. The only thing I can say—

Mrs. DARLING. I might say that it would be customary for us to say that we thank you. We have the data that you have given us, and when the time comes to act definitely upon the meeting place for the 1948 encampment I am sure that it will receive due consideration.

Mr. WHITWAM. May I ask when a decision might be made?

Mrs. DARLING. I cannot say that, because we have to be fair. This is the only invitation in as of the present, it may not be done during the encampment, but I am sure you will hear from the national secretary.

Mr. WHITWAM. Are there any questions? I would like to leave some of these with you [referring to literature].

Mrs. DARLING. I will add that. We have your correspondence here on file, and Mr. Elliott here has notes of what has been said.

Mr. WHITWAM. I would like to add one more word. Regardless of whether you come to Grand Rapids or where you go, you have got to have the best—whether it is Grand Rapids or some other city. I would suggest that next year is going to be crowded with conventions, and if the decision is delayed too long there might be danger of your being accommodated with the best.

Mrs. DARLING. I think Miss Gillis wrote you. I am sure you will hear from her shortly.

Mr. WHITWAM. Thank you, and thank you, comrades of the Grand Army.

Mrs. DARLING. I have now to bring before you a petition from the commander of the Sons of Veterans of Indiana:

AUGUST 13, 1947.

JOHN H. GRATE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,

Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR COMMANDER: It is the desire of the Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans, to be permitted to have a roadside rest park in the State of Indiana dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic.

At the department encampment this last June, held in Elkhart, Ind., this proposition was brought before the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons were then informed that the department was in favor of this act and would bring the matter before this, the Eighty-first, National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for their sanction and approval.

Hoping you and your comrades so assembled see fit to grant this desire, I am,
Fraternally yours,

JOHN C. ADAMS, *Department Commander.*

IRENE COMPTON, *Department Secretary.*

I talked with the gentlemen who came yesterday and they explained to me what was being done. On this special highway, which used to be a highway of a straight road and then a right turn and a straight road again after the right turn, in making the new road they made what they call a snake-curved road rather than the square corner, leaving a triangular space where the turn used to be; and the State Highway Department of Indiana has granted these Sons of Veterans that plot of ground. They wish to have that a wayside resting place, marked "To the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic," evergreens, flowers, and a heavy stone plate with a countersunk standard where the flag will fly 365 days in the year—a memorial resting place named in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic. We would like some discussion about this. Would you care to say something?

Comrade ROWND. I move that the communication be referred to the executive committee of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. DARLING. You mean you don't care to take action?

Comrade ROWND. I don't think we ought to take action, unless—

Mrs. DARLING. There really isn't anything to it. They have had it in their department and there isn't anything to it except they want you to sanction the use of the name Grand Army of the Republic. That is all they want in this beauty spot, which would be taken care of, well taken care of, and where Old Glory will fly in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade ADAMS. As I understand it, they just simply want us to allow them permission to use our name. That is all. They just want our permission. Their body is asking this body to use the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. It seems to me it is a grand idea. They are providing a resting place so people in passing will know that it is in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade ROWND. I think we ought to consider in the first place who it is provided for.

Mrs. DARLING. I read it. It is provided for by the Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans. They are the movers. The Department of Indiana of the Grand Army granted permission and referred it to this encampment. The Sons of Union Veterans will be the organization sponsoring it.

Comrade ADAMS. They just wanted us to sanction it. We had no right to do it. A department or individual has no right to use the Grand Army name—

Comrade ROWND. Unless we authorize it.

Comrade ADAMS. That is what they want.

Comrade ROWND. It is a question whether we want to authorize it.

Mrs. DARLING. Why not? The highway department has given them that plot of ground. It is not to be just ragweeds; it is to be well taken care of, landscaped, and a suitable marker put in place. These people in Indiana feel that they want some spot which honors the Grand Army of the Republic in their State. What would you have to say about it, Comrade Bennett? The State of Indiana wants to establish a little park on the highway in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. What do you think about it?

Comrade BENNETT. It is all right, I guess.

Mrs. DARLING. What do you think about, Commander Grate? The State of Indiana, Department of Indiana Grand Army, the Sons of Veterans and all the allied organizations are asking for the privilege of naming a little memorial park on the highway in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. They are not permitted to use the title Grand Army of the Republic without the sanction of this national body. The place is to be beautified and the flag is to fly 365 days in the year so that passers on the highway will become mindful of the Grand Army of the Republic. The State highway department has given that property. It belongs to the public; it belongs to the State, and highway commission has given that plot of ground for this purpose.

Commander in Chief GRATE. I am in favor of it.

Mrs. DARLING. How about you, Comrade Osborn? Could you hear? The State of Indiana wants to use the name Grand Army of the Republic to name a little park on that highway in their memory. Would you be in favor of their using that title?

Comrade OSBORN. I certainly would.

Mrs. DARLING. All right, that is all we want to know. How about you, Comrade Adams? Of course—it is the Department of Indiana.

Comrade ADAMS. I am through.

Mrs. DARLING. How about you, Comrade Rownd?

Comrade ROWND. The question with me is, are we perpetuating the Grand Army of the Republic or assisting the Sons of Veterans?

Mrs. DARLING. Are you perpetuating the Grand Army with soldiers' monuments? It is the same question.

Comrade ROWND. It has never been presented before, and the question seemed to me we ought to have careful and very thoughtful consideration, and I would, in view of the fact that there was no second to my motion, I move that the matter be referred to the executive committee with power to act, and that will dispose of it.

Comrade ADAMS. I think this, if the organization is carried on for 2 or 3 years, it would not surprise me if a number of States would ask for the same thing, because it is nothing but simply getting the permission of the Grand Army of the Republic to use their name. That is all. It is under no expense to them; no reflection on them in any manner at all.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Rownd has made a motion that this be referred to the executive committee. I think, if that motion is voted

down, we will have another motion that they be allowed to use this title of Grand Army of the Republic. Is there a second to Comrade Rownd's motion? [Seconded by Comrades Adams and Bennett.]

Mrs. DARLING. There may be a misunderstanding, because if this motion carries you are not going to grant it—I mean for the present. I want them to know what they are doing.

Comrade ROWND. With power to act. The executive committee can act immediately, if they want to, on that motion.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that this be referred to the executive committee with power to act. Those in favor? Those opposed? It will be referred to the executive committee then to act on. We could act on that tomorrow morning when we have our meeting.

Comrade ROWND. In the meantime perhaps we can get some further information regarding the subject.

Comrade ADAMS. Who are the executive committee? Are any of them here?

Mrs. DARLING. You will all be here. The executive committee is composed of the officers of the national department of the Grand Army of the Republic, so you will be in the meeting just the same, and perhaps we can discuss it tomorrow morning a little more lucidly, because it was perfectly clear to Miss Gillis and Miss Compton, because we understood perfectly and thoroughly it was to be just a memorial, and as I say, memorial statues and monuments—some hideous things—have been erected in memory of the Grand Army, and this younger generation preferred to put in there something beautiful, with flowers and shrubs and the American flag and a marker, for a wayside resting place. This is not on a country road, but a main highway.

It has seemed necessary to make some changes in the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic to take care of future years of the national department. Our legal adviser, Mr. Willett, has worked out some changes in these rules and regulations to take care of the program of the coming years. We have done away with some of our officers in years gone by. Mr. Willett has prepared these changes for the present emergency.

Chapter V, article XVI: This article says that you must give notice if the rules and regulations are to be altered. We want a motion to suspend chapter V, article XVI, covering alterations and amendments, ask that they be suspended for this encampment so that we can present amendments which seem necessary to make at this time. A motion is in order to suspend chapter V, article XVI.

Comrade ROWND. I move, Commander in Chief, that chapter V, article XVI, be suspended. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that this chapter V, article XVI, be suspended for this encampment. Those in favor? Opposed? The motion is carried.

Section I (ch. IV, art. V) substituted for that article:

The national officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, except the adjutant general, the quartermaster general, and the national patriotic instructor shall be elected annually by ballot at the stated meeting of the national encampment, and, providing no quorum is present, officers shall continue and shall succeed in office as provided in chapter III—

That provides that at the death of a superior officer the one next in command progresses in office—

Paragraph 2 of article 6, section 2 of the rules and regulations as passed in 1922 and any amendments thereto. It is further provided that the surviving members may hold one or more of the elective offices. All articles, sections, or parts thereof in conflict hereof are hereby eliminated.

In other words, with the passing of you veterans, the one highest in command takes over for the one who drops out. And it is further provided that one officer can hold one or more offices. That takes care of the emergency which will come. With the last man, he could serve as commander in chief, adjutant general, and quartermaster general—the three necessary officers in the department.

Would you like any discussion on that matter? That simply means, comrades, that if only one man could be present at the next encampment, the present officers would continue as they are now. That means that if one officer drops out, the next man progresses. Even though they are short officers, that man progresses until finally the only man left holds the three main offices. What is your feeling?

Comrade Rownd. I think that is a very important thing. I most heartily approve of it.

Comrade Adams. I don't see any other outcome.

Mrs. Darling. We have to have this legally adopted. Our rules and regulations have to be passed upon and printed in the proceedings. A motion is in order.

Comrade Rownd. I move the adoption of the article as presented. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Mrs. Darling. It has been moved and seconded that this amendment to the rules and regulations as presented be accepted. Those in favor? Contrary? It is a vote.

The next motion is that we combine the offices of quartermaster general and adjutant general at a salary to be fixed at \$100 per year. That is, that one comrade fills both offices. His title would be adjutant general and quartermaster general, the salary to be \$100 per year, which I believe goes to the secretary who does the work. What is your feeling on this matter? [Moved by Comrade Adams and seconded by Comrade Rownd.] It has been moved and seconded that the offices of adjutant general and quartermaster general be combined and one comrade fill both offices, and the salary to be fixed at \$100 per year. I think that is a very wise provision. Those in favor? Contrary? Carried.

The next question is for the final disposition of the flags and banners and other valuable property belonging to the national department. It has been suggested that the secretary, Cora E. Gillis, be, and she is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate and find a place for the final disposition and future ownership of the property and archives of the Grand Army of the Republic, the same to be approved by the commander in chief.

Comrade Rownd. That is a very sensible thing. I move the adoption of that recommendation or suggestion. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. Darling. Moved and seconded the adoption of this recommendation. All those in favor? Contrary? [Carried.]

Now a motion to this effect:

I move that in providing for the disposition and future ownership of the property of the Grand Army of the Republic that it now be declared by the national encampment assembled that the event on which such disposition shall become effective is on the death of the last surviving comrade, at which time the ownership of the property and archives shall become vested.

In other words, you keep your properties until the last man is gone. Miss Gillis is to find a resting place that has been approved by the commander in chief, and with the passing of the last man, Miss Gillis turns it over as approved.

Comrade Rownd. That would only be perfect wisdom, and I move the adoption. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Mrs. DARLING. The gist of the motion is that Miss Gillis will find a place. The commander in chief will approve that place. These valuable properties will not be turned over to that resting place until the last man has passed, and then that will be her duty. All those in favor? Contrary? [Carried.]

That is all we have except the nomination, election, and installation of officers. If you will convene promptly at 9:30 in the morning we can run that off comfortably. Miss Gillis will come over for a short council meeting and you are free. What are your wishes in the matter?

Commander in Chief GRATE. Couldn't we conclude that part of the business now?

Mrs. DARLING. Miss Gillis thought best to have it in the morning. A motion is in order that we adjourn.

Comrade ADAMS. I move that we adjourn. [Motion seconded.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn our meeting to 9:30 in the morning. We are moving that up a little because Comrade Adams wanted to get away early. All those in favor? Contrary? [Carried.] (3:30 p. m.)

We will have to call our meeting to order because we have one greetings committee left. They were asked to be here at 2 o'clock. Comrades, we have a wonderful greetings committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. We have the national president, the national president-elect as I understand it, and all past national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. ALICE F. LARSON (national president). Commander in Chief Grate, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, before you are the delegation from the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. We have come to pay you our respects, to assure you of our love and our continued interest in you and your comrades.

Now I want to present to you these ladies who are with me. First, I am Alice F. Larson, Minot, N. Dak., Marie L. Basham, Des Moines, Iowa. Catherine McBride Hoster, Indianapolis. Emma W. Campbell, Minneapolis. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, Pennsylvania. Beatrice J. Tyson, New York. Mary J. Love, Louisville, Ky. Ida Heacock Baker, Kansas. Elizabeth Kothe, Iowa. Grace Houlette Hahn, Miami, Fla. Louise Haider, Santa Barbara, Calif. Anna Anschutz, St. Louis, Mo. Laura I. Smith, Rhode Island. Ellenore M. Zeller, from Portland, Oreg. These ladies are all past national presidents. They do represent many years of service, both individually and collectively. This year I have followed in their footsteps, as you have followed in the footsteps of your past commanders in chief.

Now the last little lady on the line was elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps yesterday. Her name is Grayce Lawson Vedetta. She comes from New York City.

Now I want to read to you my report:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF GRATE:

It is my great pleasure today to extend the greetings of the more than 80,000 loyal women of the National Woman's Relief Corps, to the officers and members of the Eighty-first encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Today we renew the pledge of loving service we gave in 1883. You are the visible remnant of the grand army of nearly 2 million men, who in youth and strength upheld the flag of our Union, who preserved that Union for the hope of the oppressed in every land. We hold you close to our hearts in love and reverence. Though the weight of your years may be heavy, remember we are ever ready with strong and willing hearts and hands to carry on with and for you.

As the head of your Auxiliary, I am pleased to give you the report of our past year's work:

Number of departments	35
Number of provisional departments	1
Number of corps in departments	1,464
Number of detached corps	17
Number of corps (March 31, 1947)	1,481
Number of members in departments	79,698
Number of members in detached corps	502
Number of members in organization	80,200
Gain in membership	340
Cash expended for relief	\$15,527.39
Estimated value of relief other than cash	274,959.68
Total value of relief	290,487.07
To local Grand Army posts	1,002.73
Army nurses	2,031.01
Spanish War veterans	414.88
World War I and II veterans	13,460.37
Soldiers' homes	3,257.26
Widows and orphans	3,262.62
Southern memorial	858.38
Americanization	6,733.46
Child welfare	6,912.12
Scholarships and Southern schools	2,444.02
War work and Red Cross	5,280.29
Amount expended for patriotic work	27,996.97
Number of flags given	209,934

Another year is history. May the good God watch over you, dear comrades of ours.

In fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ALICE F. LARSON,
President, *The National Woman's Relief Corps.*

Commander in Chief GRATE. I will ask Comrade Rownd to respond.

Mrs. LARSON. A year ago a recommendation came from the Grand Army of the Republic. It came into our convention too late to be acted upon, so we acted upon that this afternoon, and I want to read the following recommendation:

We, the National Woman's Relief Corps in convention assembled in Cleveland, August 13, 1947, adopted the following resolution:

1. We adopted the resolution sent to us for consideration August 1946 from the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. We stand ready and ask for the privilege to pay our part of the Grand Army expense for this encampment and all future encampments.

3. When no appropriation is made by State or city where convention is held we will assume the full expense of the Woman's Relief Corps.

4. We respectfully request the dates for future encampments be set later than August.

This is signed by Louise Haider as chairman, Grace Houlette Hahn, Marie L. Basham, Laura I. Smith, and Ida Heacock Baker.

This recommendation was accepted by our convention and I was instructed to carry it here, so now I am through. We know you are busy. We are very busy, too. We did want to pay our respects to you this afternoon.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Comrade Rownd, will you respond?

Comrade Rownd. Commander in Chief, I will respond first by greeting this president who has just retired from that position [shaking hands with Mrs. Larson]. I think it is one of the greatest pleasures I have ever enjoyed to have the greeting from these ladies, every one of whom has shown the greatest possible experience and results of any organization of which I have had any knowledge. I have never heard such a report as that from any other organization. Most of the business organizations of men have figures in red instead of the black as you have in your organization. It shows wonderful business judgment and I congratulate you most heartily for that inspired report. [Applause.]

Mrs. DARLING. If any of you would like to say anything come up here to the "mike."

Mrs. HAIDER. Commander in chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have a letter from Comrade Dumser, past commander in chief in 1942-43. He asked me to extend his greetings and good wishes; also his regret at not being able to be here. He has not been so well, and he was not able to complete the letter which he started to write, so his daughter finished it for him. He had hoped that some of us from California would come, and in our organization I think that there are some 50.

Mrs. VEDETTA. Commander in chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the newly elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps I pledge to you the same cooperation and support to walk beside you as my predecessors have done in the last 64 years.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you, very much.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. I want to say hello to my commander, Comrade Osborn, of Missouri.

Mrs. HOSTER. I think I would like to extend my greetings to these comrades, comrades of my father, and especially so as we still have one of our Indiana comrades with us today. I am happy to be privileged to be with you. [The committee retired.]

Mrs. DARLING. Comrades, since you had already made and passed a motion that we adjourn, we will make no further comments. You are all dismissed until 9:30 in the morning. [3:50 p. m.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1947

Morning Session, 9:32 a. m.

Mrs. DARLING. Speaking for our commander again, we have all of our veterans present and prompt this morning, and we will begin our meeting at once.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Comrade Rownd, will you return thanks?

Chaplain in Chief Rownd. Dear Heavenly Father, with expressions of deep appreciation for the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon us, and with thankful hearts, in simplicity of spirit, we are grateful for the comrades that can be together this morning. We pray, dear Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt bless each one of us. Fill our hearts with love for mankind. Give us the richest blessings that we can possess and want to possess. Fill our hearts with gratitude and grace and love to Thee.

Be with us in our deliberations, continue with us throughout our meetings, and bless each one of us. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Mrs. DARLING. I am speaking for Commander Grate. We have one or two items of unfinished business. I have here a greeting that came this morning from Cleveland, Ohio:

Congratulations and best wishes from the grandson of a Civil War veteran.

Judge PERRY B. JACKSON.

Comrades, we have a visitor and we will let her announce herself.

Mrs. LILLIAN M. GARDINER. Commander in Chief and Comrades, I am Lillian M. Gardiner, the secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic in California and Nevada, and when I left California I told the comrades that I would come and extend their greetings to you.

Our comrades are all well right now, but still not strong enough to take this kind of a trip. You know it is bad enough for you folks that don't have to take a long trip, but when we come it takes 3 days and 3 nights of travel—and it is pretty warm.

Comrade Dumser, for one, is not really ill, but still he is too weak to take that kind of a trip, and the doctor said for him to stay at home. So I told him I would say hello to all of your boys for him.

We have six comrades in California yet, and we are very proud of that. One in Oakland—that is Comrade Dumser. And Comrade Smith, from Santa Cruz, is 105. He will be 106 on Christmas Day. Then we have Comrade Getter. Comrade Getter is in the Van Nuys Hospital all the time, but still he gets along very nicely.

We have two yet in Stanton post besides Comrade Chappel, who comes in from Long Beach to preside at each meeting. He has his regular post meetings the same as he always did, and the veterans of the World War found a taxicab company in Los Angeles that will go to Long Beach and pick him up and bring him back into Los Angeles every meeting day and never charge him anything for it. We thought that was very grand.

And so our comrades all wish you a very happy week and hope you have a nice year ahead of you.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you very much. We send our greetings to the boys in California.

Mrs. DARLING. Thank you. I will tell them about it.

That is all of the unfinished business, and we will proceed now into the election of officers. It has been suggested that we make the procedure a little more simple than in years past. Instead of calling the roll and nominating as your State is called, we want to make the nominations and ratify them by motions from the floor, just as we vote on other things. Is there any discussion? Anybody who has any-

thing to say about it? If not, we will ask for a motion to that effect. What do you think of it, Comrade Rownd?

Comrade Rownd. I think it is a very proper thing to do under the condition. I favor it.

Mrs. DARLING. Will you make a motion?

Comrade Rownd. I make a motion to that effect.

Mrs. DARLING. That would simplify the manner in which we nominate and elect. Is there a second to Comrade Rownd's motion? [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

It has been moved and seconded that we set aside the usual procedure in nominating candidates for the various offices and nominate just informally from the floor. We will put the question. All those in favor signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary? [Carried.]

Nominations are now in order for the office of commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Do I hear any nominations?

Comrade ADAMS. I nominate Robert M. Rownd for commander in chief.

Mrs. DARLING. Robert M. Rownd, past commander in chief, has been nominated by Comrade Adams for the office of commander in chief. Is there a second to that nomination?

Comrade BENNETT. I will favor it.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Rownd become the next commander in chief of the national department, Grand Army of the Republic. All those in favor of this nomination will signify it by the usual sign. Contrary? He is elected. It being unanimous I will cast one vote on behalf of the adjutant general, the vote of this encampment for Robert M. Rownd, national commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been suggested that the rules be suspended and that our present senior vice commander, Theodore A. Penland, continue in his present office. May we have a motion to that effect?

Comrade ADAMS. I move that. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that Comrade Penland be asked to continue in his present office as senior vice commander in chief. All those in favor signify by the usual sign. Contrary, "No."

Nominations are now in order for junior vice commander.

Comrade Rownd. Commander in Chief, it is my pleasure to present the name of Comrade Bennett as junior vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. DARLING. Is there a second to that nomination? [Nomination seconded by Comrade Osborn.] It has been moved and seconded that John R. Bennett be elected to the office of junior vice commander in chief. All those in favor signify it by the usual sign. Contrary? He is elected. In behalf of the adjutant general I cast the unanimous vote of the encampment for John R. Bennett to become junior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Nominations are now in order for the office of chaplain in chief. Do I hear nominations for that office?

Comrade ADAMS. Can one of the members be in two offices; can he fill two offices?

Mrs. DARLING. Yes, he could, but we have enough members present so that each one could have an office.

Comrade ADAMS. I didn't know whether the commander could hold it.

Mrs. DARLING. We could elect a chaplain, and when it is necessary to call upon the chaplain he can waive the honor to the commander in chief, and that is what we had in mind might be done.

Comrade ROWND. Commander in Chief, I prize the opportunity of presenting your name as chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the ensuing year as my successor in that office. [Motion seconded.]

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that our present commander in chief, John H. Grate, fill the office of chaplain in chief. All those in favor signify it by the usual sign. Contrary, "No." It is a unanimous vote, and in behalf of the adjutant general I cast the unanimous vote for John H. Grate to become national chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade ROWND. It is again my very great honor and pleasure to present you to the convention as the new chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you very much.

Mrs. DARLING. There being no unfinished business and no new business to come before this convention, we will have the installation of these officers.

Comrade ROWND. I want to make a motion that the acting secretary be authorized to install the officers.

Mrs. DARLING. I cannot do that, but I can speak for the commander.

(The following officers were then thus installed: Robert M. Rownd, commander in chief; John R. Bennett, junior vice commander in chief; John H. Grate, chaplain in chief.)

Mrs. DARLING. Having been invested to speak for our commander in chief, he does hereby declare you duly elected and installed in office.

(The Secretary was authorized to prepare and insert in the journal the following resolutions of thanks:)

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is meeting for the first time in 46 years in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, in its eighty-first national encampment: Be it

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the city of Cleveland through its mayor, Hon. Thomas A. Burke, and to Commissioner Paul Hurd of the Cleveland Public Auditorium, and the chief of police and safety departments for making our encampment such a success, and for all of the many kindnesses shown to us while in your city this week: And be it further

Resolved, That we again tender our thanks to the President of the United States for his message and to the Members of Congress and the Senate for sending the United States Marine Band to us once more, and to Maj. Wm. F. Santelmann and his boys for their wonderful and inspiring music: And be it further

Resolved, That the courtesy shown to us by Gen. Omar Bradley in sending to us Dr. Timberlake and his assistants be gratefully acknowledged; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Mr. Chester Koch and to Judge Arthur Day for their untiring efforts in our behalf, and to the press of the city of Cleveland for their generous publicity: And be it further

Resolved, That we express our deepest thanks to Mrs. Edith B. Nile, past national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the effort which she made in our behalf.

Mrs. DARLING. There being no other business and the officers having been duly installed, we are going to have a short recess while the new commander in chief makes out his slate of appointive officers. So you will just sit for a few minutes while the commander in chief talks

with me and I can get these names and present them to you in just a few minutes after he has given me the list and had time to do a little thinking as to whom he is going to appoint for those appointive officers.

(Recess.)

Commander in Chief Rownd. The meeting will please come to order. I have requested the secretary to announce the names that I have selected as members of my cabinet—those that have not already been elected.

Mrs. DARLING. For adjutant general and quartermaster general, John C. Adams. William H. Osborn, patriotic instructor. Chief of staff, John S. Dumser.

That makes the roster of officers as follows:

Commander in chief, Robert M. Rownd.

Senior vice commander in chief, Theodore A. Penland.

Junior vice commander in chief, John R. Bennett.

Adjutant general and quartermaster general, John C. Adams.

National patriotic instructor, Wm. H. Osborn.

Chief of staff, John S. Dumser.

That completes the business of this session. A motion is in order that we adjourn and just automatically convene again as council of administration.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I am ready to entertain a motion to that effect, that we adjourn this business meeting.

Comrade ADAMS. I move that we adjourn. (Seconded by Comrade Bennett.)

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that this business session be closed.

Commander in Chief Rownd. All those in favor of that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." I hereby declare this session closed—the eighty-first encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. (10:07 a. m.)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES



THEODORE A. PENLAND
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

PORTLAND, OREG., July 9, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: As senior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic I wish to submit to you my report of activities for the past year. On my return from the national encampment in Indianapolis I decided to return to the State of Michigan to make my future home with my family there, but the call and love for Oregon and my friends I had left behind was too great and once again I returned to Portland and can call Oregon my Oregon, never to leave.

I attended a banquet in the State of Washington given in honor of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, sang over the radio, went to Mount Hood with the national and department presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, attended the department convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Salem, Oreg., and a banquet honoring Miss Cora E. Gillis, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and also our beloved national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. I went to the station to meet the national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and was a guest at the dinner in her honor and her official escort to the veterans hospital. I have made many trips to the hospital and sang for the boys there. Have received an honorary membership in the Past Commander's Club of the American Legion. I have attended the regular meetings of all allied organizations and have been on the radio a number of times. Was honorary chairman of the Memorial Day parade. I have had a very busy year since my return to Oregon and this is only a very small part of my activities.

I want to thank my comrades for elevating me to this office.

Sincerely yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

THEODORE A. PENLAND,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

CARO, MICH., July 11, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Following my trip to the national encampment in Indianapolis I rested quietly at home until after my ninety-eighth birthday, at which time a party was held in my honor. In September I attended a district convention of the Woman's Relief Corps at Vassar and visited Saginaw. I made a recording in Saginaw which was used over the air on Memorial Day.

In the early fall I moved into the city, but the severe winter prevented making any trips away from home.

Memorial Day observance was in charge of the American Legion but I was privileged to ride in the parade on that day and participated in the ceremonies.

While no special duty has been required of me, I appreciate the honor bestowed upon me and the department of Michigan.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ORLANDO LEVALLY,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



ORLANDO LEVALLEY
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ROBERT M. ROWND
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

RIPLEY, N. Y., July 18, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: May I express my appreciation for the opportunity afforded me to act as the chaplain in chief this past year, a work which I love so dearly.

Following my usual custom, I attended Memorial Services on May 25 at the Methodist Church in Ripley, N. Y., where a large number of people were gathered to pay tribute to the veterans of all wars who had passed to the great beyond.

On Memorial Day, May 30, I spoke at the services at both cemeteries.

In June it was my happy privilege to attend the commencement of Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., where I was honored by the college in receiving my degree of bachelor of arts, my college career having been interrupted by the Civil War, so many years ago.

In October of 1946 I journeyed to Buffalo, N. Y., where a very fine reception had been planned at the Statler Hotel, honoring national and department officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied orders. The commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Neil D. Cranmer, of Elmira, N. Y., and the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, also our national secretary, Cora E. Gillis, were also in the receiving line. My thanks to the organizations in Buffalo for this splendid reception.

I was unable to attend my own department encampment this year because of a severe cold, but am looking forward to meeting all my comrades in Cleveland, Ohio, at which time I will be prepared to conclude my year's work at the various meetings.

It has been a pleasure to serve in the capacity of chaplain in chief this year and I appreciate the honor which was so bestowed on me in Indianapolis.

To our commander in chief I pledge my support and the wish that he may have a happy ending to his year of service.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

ROBERT M. ROWND,
Chaplain in Chief.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

OAKLAND, CALIF., July 19, 1947.

JOHN H. GRATE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: One more year has become history and it is my duty to report to you the condition of our beloved organization.

Owing to poor health, it has not been possible for me to do some of the things that I would have liked to do this year, but it was my privilege to be present at the services on Memorial Day and assist in same. I was unable to attend my own department convention for the first time in many years, but I am in hopes that in another year conditions may be different.

This year has seen the passing of many of our beloved comrades, among them our Past Commanders in Chief George H. Jones and Isaac W. Sharp, both of whom are greatly missed. On June 27 we were saddened by the death of our comrade, Charles Burt, of Massachusetts, who had served as department commander for several years, and whose death closed the Department of Massachusetts. The Department of Minnesota was also closed in June by vote of their department encampment. Since the first of the year 26 members have answered the last roll call.

The following is a summary of the gains and losses during the year ending December 31, 1946:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1945-----	103	57
Gains by muster, transfer, and reinstatement-----		
Total-----	103	57
Loss by death-----	38	27
Members at large-----	1	
Total in good standing Dec. 31, 1946-----	66	30

Since the first of the year 17 have answered the last roll call, leaving a total of but 49 members at the present time.

In this report is included the consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year ending December 31, 1946.

I regret that my health will not permit me to attend the national encampment this year, but my thoughts will be with you, and the hope that this may be a wonderful encampment.



JOHN S. DUMSER
ADJUTANT GENERAL



JOHN C. ADAMS
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

May I express my appreciation for the appointment, to our commander in chief and my thanks to our secretary for handling the work of my office for me.

I pray the blessing of our eternal Father may rest upon you all during the week of our encampment and that you may all return safely to your homes at the close of same.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant General.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946

Departments	Dec. 31, 1945		Dec. 31, 1946		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Members	Posts	Members	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
California and Nevada-----	8	13	5	8	-----	3	-----	5
Colorado and Wyoming-----	3	3	2	2	-----	1	-----	1
Connecticut-----	2	2	2	2	-----	-----	-----	-----
Delaware-----	1	1	0	0	-----	1	-----	1
Idaho (transferred to member at large)-----	0	1	0	0	-----	-----	-----	1
Illinois-----	4	7	4	7	-----	-----	-----	-----
Indiana-----	5	7	2	4	-----	3	-----	3
Iowa-----	0	5	0	3	-----	-----	-----	2
Kansas-----	1	3	0	2	-----	1	-----	1
Kentucky-----	0	3	0	3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Maine-----	4	4	2	2	-----	2	-----	2
Massachusetts-----	0	1	0	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Michigan-----	4	7	1	2	-----	3	-----	5
Minnesota-----	1	3	1	2	-----	-----	-----	1
Missouri-----	0	3	0	2	-----	-----	-----	1
Nebraska-----	3	3	1	2	-----	2	-----	1
New York-----	4	4	4	4	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ohio-----	7	10	2	4	-----	5	-----	6
Oklahoma-----	0	7	0	5	-----	-----	-----	2
Oregon-----	0	1	0	1	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pennsylvania-----	4	5	2	3	-----	2	-----	2
Washington and Alaska-----	4	4	0	2	-----	4	-----	2
Wisconsin-----	2	6	2	4	-----	-----	-----	2
	57	103	30	65	-----	27	-----	38
Member at large-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	-----
Net loss-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27	-----	38

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

JONESBORO, IND., July 18, 1947

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: It has indeed been a pleasure and a great honor to me, to be able to again serve the Grand Army of the Republic as their quartermaster general, and it gives me pleasure to submit the following report.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to the secretary of the Department of Indiana, Mrs. Irene Compton, who has kept the books and shipped supplies whenever ordered, and looked after the affairs of the office so willingly and capably.

Again thanking our commander in chief for the honor which he brought to the department, and to myself, I submit the report for the past year.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN C. ADAMS,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books, July 15, to Oct. 1, 1946

Cash balance as reported to Eightieth National Encampment-----	\$577.48
To be credited as follows:	
General fund-----	\$120.24
Southern memorial fund-----	311.24
Badge fund-----	146.00
Subsequent receipts:	
Zola Miller Donohoe, refund from southern memorial fund-----	68.86
Department of Kentucky, badge fund-----	3.00
Department of California, per capita tax-----	1.00
Woman's Relief Corps, general fund-----	300.00
Department of Ohio, badge fund-----	5.00
Woman's Relief Corps, general fund-----	1,500.00
Woman's Relief Corps, southern memorial-----	500.00
Ladies of the GAR, general fund-----	1,000.00
Daughters of Union Veterans, general fund-----	1,500.00
Daughters of Union Veterans, southern memorial-----	250.00
Sons of Union Veterans, general fund-----	500.00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans-----	500.00
Cora E. Gillis, sale of office furniture-----	48.00
Isaac W. Sharp, badge fund-----	5.00
Cora E. Gillis, badge fund-----	5.00
	6,185.86
Total-----	6,763.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel	\$100.00
Salaries	191.86
Expense	395.65
Jewel badge	165.00
	\$852.51
Cash balance	5,910.83
To be credited as follows:	
General fund	\$4,780.73
Southern memorial	1,130.10
Total	5,910.83

Statement of disbursements, July 15, 1946, to Oct. 1, 1946

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salary	Expense
Aug. 3	41	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Advance travel expense Seattle to Indianapolis; for expenses closing office and shipping trunk and flag box.	\$100.00		\$50.00
30	42	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for August, less withholding tax For extra expenses, \$50 Final office expense in Seattle, \$50		\$141.86	
	43	Joseph K. Davison's Sons: Past commander in chief jewel badge			50.00
30	44	Walt Mabie Printing Co.: 150 24-page "Addresses," \$108; 150 36-page "Roll," \$108			50.00
30	45	Irene Compton: For keeping books of quartermaster for fourth quarter, 1946			165.00
30	46	Isaac W. Sharp, adjutant general: Salary for fourth quarter			216.00
30	47	Claypool Hotel: Incoming charges on trunk and flag box, phone calls left by GAR members			25.00
			100.00	191.86	29.65
					560.65

ACCOUNT CURRENT

Cash received for term ending Oct. 1, 1946:

Balances in all funds as shown in supplemental report
dated Oct. 1, 1946:

General fund-----	\$4, 780. 73
Southern Memorial -----	1, 130. 10

	\$5, 910. 83

Subsequent receipts:

Per capita tax-----	66. 00
Sale of two typewriters-----	60. 00
Badge fund-----	67. 00

	193. 00

	6, 103. 83

CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending July 1, 1947:

Travel -----	195. 54
Salaries -----	1, 162. 63
Expense -----	1, 013. 87
Southern Memorial -----	800. 00

	3, 172. 04

	2, 931. 79

Check No. 24, dated Mar. 1, 1946, cancelled-----

Total in all funds July 1, 1947----- 2, 990. 59

To be credited as follows:

Badge fund-----	\$67. 00
General fund-----	2, 593. 49
Southern Memorial -----	330. 10

	2, 990. 59

Statement of total receipts, sales of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial Fund, etc., for term ending July 1, 1947

Departments	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern Memorial	Badge fund
California and Nevada		\$8.00			\$10.00
Colorado and Wyoming		2.00			
Connecticut		2.00			
Illinois		7.00			25.00
Indiana		4.00			
Iowa		3.00			
Kansas		2.00			
Kentucky		3.00			
Maine		2.00			
Massachusetts		1.00			5.00
Michigan		2.00			
Minnesota		2.00			
Missouri		2.00			5.00
Nebraska		2.00			
New York		4.00			10.00
Ohio		4.00			
Oklahoma		5.00			5.00
Oregon		1.00			
Pennsylvania		3.00			
Washington and Alaska		2.00			
Wisconsin		4.00			
Cora E. Gillis, national secretary, sale of office typewriter in Seattle			\$40.00		
Israel C. Broadsword, member-at-large		1.00			
Cora E. Gillis, national secretary, sale of typewriter among supplies at quartermaster general's office in Indianapolis			20.00		
Comrade Orlando LeValley					5.00
Comrade Theodore A. Penland					2.00
Total		66.00	60.00		67.00

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Statement of disbursements for term ending July 1, 1947

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1946						
Oct. 1	1	John H. Grate, commander in chief: Advance travelling expense, Nellie M. Goodman: Express on 3 shipments during 1945 for National Secretary Flood.	\$50.00		\$2.33	
	2	Walt Mabie Printing Co.: 600 General Orders No. 4, \$36; postage, \$7.14			43.14	
	3	Smith & Kinne: Imprinting 500 letterheads, \$3.10; 500 General Order No. 1, \$4.65; 500 No. 11 envelopes, \$5.40; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$4.80.			17.95	
	4	James H. Willett: Services on Pierce case as per itemized bill filed with quartermaster.			315.41	
	5					
	6	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for September, less withholding tax, \$70.93; Express on trunk from Indianapolis, \$8.83; office expenses for September, \$5.10; postage and porters at Claypool Hotel, \$5.50; transportation, Indianapolis to Jamestown, \$11.13.	11.13	\$70.93	19.43	
	7	Collector of Internal Revenue: Withholding tax on salary of national Secretary Cora E. Gillis, for period ending Sept. 30, 1946.		62.00		
	8	Collector of Internal Revenue: To replace checks No. 57, issued June 30, 1944; and No. 24, issued March 1, 1946, to cover withholding tax on Katherine R. A. Flood for quarter ending June 30, 1944, checks having never been cashed.		58.80		
	9	First National Bank, Jamestown, N. Y.: Freight, cartage and storage on 3 boxes from Seattle, Wash., office records.			52.02	
	10	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for October, less withholding tax, \$70.93; office expenses for October, \$7.04.			7.04	
Nov. 5	11	Jamestown Telephone Co.: Phone service from October 2, 1946, to November 30, 1946, \$13.05; tax, \$1.96. Installation charge, \$3. Smith & Kinne: 500 sheets bond paper, plain, \$1.25; imprinting letterheads for quartermaster general, \$2; postage, \$0.18.			18.01	
10	12	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for November, less withholding tax, \$70.93; trucking 3 boxes from Seattle to 43 Adams St. (590 pounds), \$4; postage to Nov. 11.			3.43	
12	13	Gordon L. Elliott: Reporting Eightieth national encampment and furnishing 2 copies of transcript, \$184.50; railroad fare, tax, and meals en route, \$38.12; postage and express on transcript, \$0.81.			4.94	
Dec. 3	14				223.43	

Statement of disbursements for term ending July 1, 1947—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1946						
Dec. 10	15	Jamestown Telephone Co.: Phone service for December, \$6.75; toll service and taxes, telegrams in connection with death of past Commander in Chief Sharp, \$9.34.			\$16. 09	
11	16	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for December, less withholding tax; Xmas cards for Commander in Chief Grade, \$4.50; postage due and advance, \$5.66.		\$70. 93	10. 16	
16	17	Irene Compton, secretary of Indiana: Salary for keeping books of Quartermaster for fourth quarter.		25. 00		
16	18	John S. Dumsler, adjutant general: Salary for period of October, November, and December.		25. 00		
16	19	Smith & Kinne: 200 No. 10 envelopes for quartermaster general, \$3.20; postage, \$0.09; 500 General Order No. 2, \$19.50; postage, \$1.40.			24. 19	
1947						
Jan. 9	20	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Phone service for January, \$6.75; tax on local service, \$1.01.			7. 76	
15	21	Collector of Internal Revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, for October, November, and December, \$37.20.			37. 20	
15	22	Dow Greenhouse & Floral Co.: Flowers for funeral of Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.			10. 00	
20	23	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for January, less withholding tax, \$70.93.			70. 93	
Feb. 3	24	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Phone service for February, \$6.75; tax, \$1.01; wire, \$0.44.			8. 20	
4	25	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Advance traveling expense to secure place for encampment.				
7	26	J. M. Winters & Sons: Bond on quartermaster general from Feb. 16, 1947, to Feb. 16, 1948.				
17	27	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for February, less withholding tax, \$70.93; office supplies, \$2.80.			70. 93	
25	28	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Balance due on traveling expense to Cleveland, Columbus, and Indianapolis; hotel, 6 nights, meals and fare, on encampment work.			40. 44	
Mar. 5	29	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Phone service for March with tax, \$7.76;				18. 67

10	30	long-distance calls and telegrams to Feb. 10, with tax, in connection with national encampment, \$10.91.	35.00
	31	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Advance travel expense in connection with national encampment.	
12	32	John C. Adams, quartermaster-general: Salary for second quarter to be paid to Irene Compton for keeping books, etc.	25.00
12	33	Canceled.	
18	33	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for March, less withholding tax, \$70.93; advance postage and postage due, \$6.67.	70.93
Apr. 1	34	Collector of Internal Revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis, for January, February, and March.	37.20
2	35	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Phone service for April with tax, \$7.76; long-distance calls and telegrams in connection with national encampment, \$15.43.	23.19
3	36	Zola M. Donahue: Appropriation for Memorial Day in the South	
15	37	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for April, less withholding tax	70.93
30	38	Edith B. Nile: To reimburse for amount paid for photographs of Commander in Chief Grate.	
May 2	39	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Postage due and advance, \$15.12; typewriter ribbon, \$1.	16.12
2	40	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Local service for May, plus tax, \$7.76; long-distance calls and telegrams in connection with encampment \$25.15.	32.91
13	41	Smith & Kinne: 400 General Orders No. 3, \$19.25; postage, \$0.88; 500 envelopes, \$4.80.	26.43
29	42	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for May, less withholding tax, \$70.93; balance due on travel expense to Cleveland, Ohio, May 10.	8.97
29	43	Jamestown Telephone Corp.: Local service and tax for June, on phone No. 78-381, \$7.76.	70.93
June 26	44	Cora E. Gillis, national secretary: Salary for June and July, less withholding tax, \$141.86.	141.86
30	45	John S. Dunsler, adjutant general: Replacing No. 32, mislaid salary for second quarter; salary for third quarter.	50.00
30	46	John C. Adams, quartermaster general: Salary for third quarter to be paid to Irene Compton for keeping books, etc.	25.00
30	47	Collector of Internal Revenue: Withholding tax on salary of Cora E. Gillis	37.20
30	48	Review Publishing Co., St. Paul: Briefs, <i>Pierce v. G. A. R.</i>	76.85
		Total	800.00
	195.54	1,162.63	1,013.87

Inventory of supplies in quartermaster general's office, July 15, 1947

Rules and regulations	30
Amendments to rules and regulations	25
Rituals	27
Officers cards:	
Senior vice commander	12
Junior vice commander	12
Chaplain	12
Ode cards	139
Service books	151
Applications for membership	15
Leave of absence	12
Transfers: Certificates, 12; cards, 12	24
Discharge cards	12
Charters: department, 10; post, 10	20
Descriptive books	6
Blue books 1895, 2; 1896, 1; 1902, 5	8
Comrade-at-large certificates	12
Electrotypes, 1 large badge	1
Lapel buttons	700
Badges	341
Rank straps	565
Form 1, requisition for supplies	5
Form B	15
Report of post chaplain	10
Report of department chaplain	15
Report post patriotic instructor	12
Post secretary badges	145
Assistant inspector reports	12
Department inspector reports	12
Aide de camp certificates	6
10 aide badges, new	10
Members badges, new	6
Department secretary badges	4



ALBERT A. WOOLSON
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

DULUTH, MINN., July 15, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I was deeply grateful to the commander in chief for appointing me national patriotic instructor, and as such have endeavored at all times to perform any duties that might be required of me.

Since the Memorial Day work has been taken over by our Auxiliary and allied organizations, there is very little left for the patriotic instructor.

In June I attended my own department encampment, and after due consideration we voted to close the Department of Minnesota and become members at large under national. Appropriate ceremonies were conducted for the closing of the department.

I wish for my successor the best of luck.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ALBERT WOOLSON,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

RIVERTON, ILL., July 10, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: The duties of the national chief of staff, as you know, are very light at this time, but I appreciate the honor bestowed on me by my commander in chief in appointing me to this office.

Letters have been sent to all departments asking for the usual contributions for the badge for the retiring commander, and the response has been very gratifying.

I wish to thank the commander in chief for this appointment, and am looking forward to meeting you all in Cleveland in August.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

HIRAM H. SHUMATE,
National Chief of Staff.



HIRAM H. SHUMATE
NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF



CORA E. GILLIS
NATIONAL SECRETARY

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., July 20, 1947.

JOHN S. DUMSER,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE DUMSER: When you elected me as your permanent secretary last year in Indianapolis you conferred on me the greatest honor that could come to a granddaughter of a union veteran of the Civil War. I have endeavored at all times to uphold the dignity of this office and to carry on your work as I felt you would want me to do.

On October 12 I attended a banquet and entertainment in honor of the commander in chief given by the Allied Orders of Ohio in Alliance, Ohio.

Early in the year of 1947 I started looking for an encampment city, trying at least a dozen, but being turned down in all of them because of the request for financial assistance. In February I visited Cleveland, for this purpose, going on to Indianapolis to sort over the old supplies and printed forms in the quartermaster's office. I spent the week end in Indianapolis going over these things and at that time sold the old typewriter which had been stored there for several years and was not in use. I had previously disposed of the typewriter which I had used last year in Seattle, thinking the cost of expressing same would be exorbitant, and as I owned a typewriter I had no use for another. A small supply of all forms has been kept in case there is any demand for the same in the future.

In March I again started out to look for an encampment city visiting Akron, Ohio, which was unable to handle so many of us, and then went back to Cleveland and made the necessary arrangements to meet there. Handling the greater part of the work myself this year, it has necessitated many trips to Cleveland, but I trust that the results will prove the effort and time spent has not been in vain.

I have prepared four general orders and written a large number of letters, many of which were to people desiring information as to the records of their fathers and grandfathers, some even asking for names of these people and place of their birth.

Immediately after the last encampment I started work on the journal for 1946 and same was published early in the year 1947.

I have made a number of trips this year to department conventions in my capacity as national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and in all cases extended the greetings of the commander in chief. Out of 16 departments visited I only met comrades in five of the conventions.

Again I want to pledge my best efforts for the carrying on of your work as long as I am needed.

CORA E. GILLIS,
Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1947

The National Council of Administration convened at 1:20 p. m. Monday, August 11, 1947, in the directors' room of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, Commander in Chief John H. Grate presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the council were present at the meeting:

Quartermaster General John C. Adams.

Chaplain in Chief Robert M. Rownd.

Comrade William H. Osborn, of Missouri.

Comrade John R. Bennett, of Ohio.

ETHEL MERTZ. I am the national junior club director of the Woman's Relief Corps and these are the junior girls. Commander in Chief, we would like to present you—the girls and I—with this bouquet of gladiolus. Every one of them has a warm and heartfelt feeling and we are extending these to you with our love. We won't stay. These little girls also contributed these flowers.

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you very much. [Comrade Rownd shakes hands with each of the committee and thanks them as they depart.]

Secretary CORA E. GILLIS. Chaplain Rownd, would you like to give the invocation?

Chaplain in Chief ROWND. Dear Heavenly Father, we come into Thy presence with gratitude in our hearts as we express our thanks for the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon our beloved country. We pray that Thou wilt be with us in the meetings that we have during the encampment. Direct our thoughts and minds. Give us vision that we may understand the great problems with which we may have to deal. Keep us faithful to Thee. Bless the comrades that are now living and those that have passed. Keep us faithful, dear Heavenly Father. Be with us while we are here and be with us as we go home and bless each one of us and all of our interests. We ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

Commander in Chief GRATE. The meeting of the national council of administration is now open for any business that may come before us. I will turn the meeting over to the Secretary.

Secretary GILLIS. The commander in chief has asked me to speak for him because it is a little hard for him to stand. We have had our invocation by the chaplain, and now we will go right into the business of the council of administration.

First, as last year, I want to ask your permission to have our good friend Mrs. Grace Darling take my place as assistant secretary during these meetings because, as you all know, I am national president of

the Daughters of Union Veterans and have to conduct those sessions, but I am going to be here with you just as much of the time as I possibly can. I would like permission to have Mrs. Darling take my place when I cannot be here.

Comrade Rownd. I make a motion that the recommendations of the secretary be carried out as suggested. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief GRATE. Any remarks? All in favor raise their hand. Carried unanimously.

Secretary GILLIS. My report as secretary is in with the officers' reports and you can read that when you get home and have a little time. It just tells what I have done during this year for you.

I tried for several months to get a place to hold this encampment. I tried at least a dozen cities in different States, asking them to give us money to finance the encampment, but was unable to find one that would do it. We had hoped up to almost the last minute that Ohio would give us the money for the encampment but they were unable to do so. So the various organizations are paying their own bills this year.

I purchased the usual souvenir badges for the Grand Army and paid for them out of Grand Army funds. I will take care of the other Grand Army bills. You are going to hear more about that tomorrow night at the semiofficial meeting just how these bills are going to be paid. I know you are all going to be delighted when you hear what I have to say to you tomorrow night at the semiofficial meeting.

The other expenses of the encampment will be divided equally among our five allied organizations.

I issued the usual general orders this year. I have written many, many letters. I have had more correspondence this year than I had last year, I presume because of the fact that we had our office established early in the year and people knew where to reach me.

I have had many requests for information about various members of the Grand Army who lived years ago and their families are trying to trace the records. It has made a lot of writing for me.

I have tried to keep the expenses down just as much as possible, as I promised last year. The commander in chief has only had \$50 traveling expense this year, and I think that is a wonderful record.

At the present time we have about \$2,000 in your general fund to start out with for another year, and our organizations will continue to donate just as long as the Grand Army needs the money. We are very happy to do it. I was glad that I could have some money left over this year and not have to ask for money as I did last year. I know that everybody appreciates it. Every bill has been paid.

The suit in Minnesota has been settled. The bills are paid for that, and I hope now we can have a peaceful administration the coming year—not have any more lawsuits of any kind.

We have one matter of business which I want to take up now, and that is the matter of the Pennsylvania Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Pennsylvania Department has had no department commander for a year. Comrade Gabrio died a year ago. They had three men living at that time, none of them able to take the appointment as department commander. Since that time two of those men have passed away, leaving one man who is not in physical condition to act as the department commander or carry on the Department of

Pennsylvania, and I would like to know just what you comrades think about that department—whether you think that we should vote at this meeting to close that department of the Grand Army in Pennsylvania and let that one man become a member at large in the national. My thought was that perhaps we should move now to close that department of Pennsylvania officially. They have no money or property of any kind.

Comrade ADAMS. I move it be closed and the remaining member be made a member at large. [Seconded by Comrade Rownd.]

Commander in Chief GRATE. I guess you have all heard this motion. Those in favor signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary? Carried.

Secretary GILLIS. We still have to handle the matter of the Minnesota Department. They voted in June to close their department and those men would all become members at large. But I think we had better consult with the attorney, Mr. Willett, so we will be doing this properly, and do it in your encampment session and not in the council of administration. These men have all requested membership at large under national, but they voted last June to close the department and had a celebration closing it, but it has to be ratified by this encampment. I think we had better talk with Mr. Willett first, because we want to be sure that we do this legally. Don't you agree with me, Comrade Rownd?

Comrade ROWND. Most assuredly. I move that the matter be deferred so that we can take up the question in legal form. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Secretary GILLIS. The motion was made by Comrade Rownd and seconded by Comrade Adams that the matter of the Minnesota Department be delayed until your regular encampment session. Are you ready for the question?

Commander in Chief GRATE. All in favor of this motion raise their hands so we will be sure. Contrary? [Carried.]

Secretary GILLIS. We have the report of the auditing committee which I will read to you:

AUGUST 11, 1947.

We have carefully examined the receipts and vouchers for expense, and compared the footings of the books as kept by the secretary of the quartermaster general with the above, and find them to be correct.

We commend the report very highly.

AUDITING COMMITTEE,
R. M. ROWND,

AMY NOLI,
Secretary.

Comrade OSBORN. I want to get up and say for 50 years I have been a constant attendant at our State and national encampments, but on account of age my hearing has become very dull. My eyesight is bad. I move that this report of the auditing committee be accepted.

Secretary GILLIS. It is moved by Comrade Osborn, seconded by Comrade Adams, that this report of the auditing committee be accepted.

Commander in Chief GRATE. All in favor signify it by raising their hand. Carried.

Secretary GILLIS. There is one thing I want to tell you. The Woman's Relief Corps are holding their banquet at 6 o'clock tonight in the ballroom right across the hall, and they would like to have every comrade at that banquet if you feel able to come. Then after the banquet

we have the regular reception right there in the ballroom, so you won't have to go out of the hotel for anything. This banquet is in honor of the commander in chief and they want just as many comrades there as possible.

Tomorrow night, Tuesday night, at 5:30 the Daughters will have their fathers and daughters banquet and I am hoping that all of you will feel able to come to my banquet tomorrow night. I want you all if you feel like coming, but I don't want anyone to come if it is going to tax his strength at all.

Tonight is the Relief Corps banquet. If you feel like going they want you to come.

You won't have any business sessions tomorrow. So tomorrow you can just enjoy yourselves and rest as much as possible, because Wednesday morning will be your parade. And Wednesday morning in the parade each one of you is to have his own car to ride in—just one man in a car. So you can see how important you are going to look when you ride down the streets of Cleveland Wednesday morning with the Marine Band ahead, and the Sons of Veterans as your escort. I know it is going to be a wonderful parade because the parade chairman has been working hard on it. He is bringing in an Air Corps band from Columbus, Ohio. I believe it is a band of colored men connected with the Air Corps. They are coming in by plane to parade with you, and then the Red Cross will serve them their lunch and then they go back to Columbus by plane again. They are coming up to do that in your honor.

You won't get out of the cars during the parade. The cars will be lined up right at the reviewing stand, so you won't have to get out. You won't have to do a bit of walking after you leave the hotel. They will bring you back to the hotel after the parade.

Tomorrow night, Tuesday night, will be your semiofficial meeting, in the Music Hall of the Auditorium, and we will arrange to have the cars take you down there. If you come to my banquet we will take you right from the Daughters' banquet in the Allerton Hotel right to the semiofficial meeting. That is the night we are all going to present our money to you, so we want to have as many there as possible that night. The Governor of Ohio will be there and speak to you, and either the mayor or his representative. I think we are going to have a very fine meeting down there.

I think that is all we will have to take care of this afternoon. Just enjoy yourselves the rest of the day. The rest of the things will be taken care of in your encampment session.

Comrade OSBORN. Pardon me, but I rise to get myself straight and try to understand the proceedings that are yet to come. In one of our national encampments some years ago a resolution was passed that as long as a Civil War veteran was living the Grand Army still exists. Now the council of administration, if I understand, is through. Have we got anything to do; have we got any plans set what we plan to do, or what is before us? Is there anything further now for us to do?

Mrs. DARLING. No.

Comrade OSBORN. We meet then when?

Mrs. DARLING. Our next official meeting is Wednesday afternoon here. The semiofficial opening meeting will be in the Music Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, and that is when all the organizations

will give you their money. But the next time you have to be in this room is Wednesday afternoon.

Comrade OSBORN. I am proud that you have this spirit and had the mantle of patience to put up with my hard hearing, but I am with you heart and soul.

Comrade ROWND. The only thing we have to do is adjourn the meeting, and I make a motion to that effect. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Secretary GILLIS. A motion has been made by Comrade Rownd that you adjourn this meeting. It has been seconded by Comrade Adams.

Commander in Chief GRATE. We have a motion to adjourn. All in favor of that signify it by raising their hand. [Carried.] (1:50 p. m.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE DIRECTORS' ROOM
OF THE HOTEL CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1947**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the directors' room of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, August 14, 1947, at 10:07 a. m. The following members were in attendance:

Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, Ohio.

Chaplain in Chief John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.

Adjutant General and Quartermaster General John C. Adams, Jonesboro, Ind.

National Patriotic Instructor Wm. H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.

Mrs. GRACE M. DARLING (secretary Department of Maine Grand Army of the Republic and assistant secretary, during the encampment, of the Grand Army of the Republic). Now then, Comrades, we are going directly into the council of administration. You are all members of the council of administration. There are certain matters of business that have to come before the council, and in opening the meeting the first on the agenda is the adjustment of the secretary's salary, and the commander in chief would like to speak to you on that matter before a motion is made.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I think each one of you is very familiar with the efficiency, the loyalty, the devotion, and the capacity of the secretary who has served us for the last year. It is not necessary in view of the fact that she has been previously elected, that election to continue as long as the Grand Army of the Republic exists, to provide for her services which she will be required to render, but it will be necessary for us to fix a salary. I have no recommendation or statement to make as to the amount which she should receive, but leave the matter open for each one of you to have the opportunity to express your views concerning that question. The highest salary that we paid Katharine Flood during her entire period of 30 years was \$2,000 a year.

Mrs. DARLING. Plus expenses.

Commander in Chief Rownd. We usually appropriate the amount of expense necessary to carry on that work. If either of you have any desire to express your wish about that you are at liberty at this time to make it known.

Mrs. DARLING. Just by way of explanation I think that Comrade Rownd would say that it must be taken into consideration that the withholding tax is taken out each month, and under the salary that

Miss Gillis asked for last year, which was just half of the other salary, it was not considered that that withholding tax would have to come out.

Comrade ADAMS. I move that her old salary, her former salary, be paid to her for the next year. (Off-the-record statement by Mrs. Darling.) I make the motion that she be paid \$125 a month. [Seconded by Comrade Grate.]

Commander in Chief Rownd. Now the question is before you that the salary of the secretary be fixed at \$125 a month. Are there any remarks? The question is before you for discussion. If not, those favoring that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." The motion is unanimously adopted.

Mrs. DARLING. Now the matter of the travel expense of the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I don't want any appropriation for travel expenses or anything else. You will never have to pay anything to me no matter how long I stay in office.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Rownd, there must be some provision for your secretary for travel. We can set the amount, or it can be at the judgment of the commander in chief and the secretary.

Commander in Chief Rownd. So that we will be protected, there should be a limit to that amount. I am ready to entertain a motion that a certain amount be fixed for such expense as has been suggested, and that it be limited so you cannot exceed that amount.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been suggested that the amount of \$500 be appropriated, and the amount not used to revert to the treasury.

Commander in Chief Rownd. That is concerning the duties that we have delegated to her in finding a suitable place for the property of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. DARLING. That is an expensive trip. It seems to me that we might suggest \$500.

Commander in Chief Rownd. Not exceeding that amount.

Mrs. DARLING. It might involve more than one trip to Washington, but I think we would know that she would not exceed it.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I am ready to entertain a motion that an amount not exceeding \$500 be used for travel expenses as necessary in performing the service of that character.

Mrs. DARLING. Will somebody make a motion?

Comrade GRATE. I make the motion that the travel expense be not exceeding \$500. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Commander in Chief Rownd. The question is before you for discussion. Are there any remarks? If not, those favoring that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." That is a unanimous vote, and I declare it carried unanimously.

Mrs. DARLING. The next matter is that little Memorial Park in Indiana. I talked with Miss Gillis last night and she said that when the first request came to her she told the Indiana delegation that it would first have to be ratified by the Grand Army families in Indiana at their encampment. Last June in Elkart, Ind., this proposition was brought before the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons were then informed that the department was in favor of this act and would bring the matter before the 81st National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for their sanction and approval—simply

a sanction that this little park be named in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was discussed in meeting yesterday and referred to this executive committee that they be allowed to use the title "Grand Army Memorial Park."

Commander in Chief Rownd. In the discussion of the question last evening I made the statement we better leave the matter to the executive committee for their consideration when we know something about the character of the building.

Mrs. DARLING. It is not a building. It is just a little green square with a memorial and the American flag flying 365 days of the year in a roadside park to be taken care of by the Sons of Union Veterans and allied organizations of the State of Indiana. There is to be no building. It is to be a little memorial park, a little tablet at the roadside, that people passing will be mindful of the Grand Army. That is all. They simply want the privilege of placing that tablet in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I would be very glad, in view of the fact that Brother Adams is living in the State of Indiana and perhaps would be familiar somewhat, to have you express your views concerning it, and leave the matter open for further discussion.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Adams, Comrade Rownd asked that you just say a word about this park. Will you just say something about it?

Comrade ADAMS. A member of the Sons of Veterans came and talked to me and talked to Mrs. Compton about it, and we concluded it would be a very good thing. It would be no expense on the comrades here. I think you could make a little place and name it, and you might get other States to do the same thing. I believe that is about all I can say about it.

Commander in Chief Rownd. Have you heard what Comrade Adams has said in reference to that memorial?

Mrs. DARLING. This is simply to be a tiny memorial park by the roadside—shrubbery, the American flag flying, and a tablet in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. They cannot use that title "Grand Army of the Republic," without your sanction. The State of Indiana allied organizations ask for your permission to use that title in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now Comrade Rownd has asked for a motion.

Comrade GRATE. I move that we grant them the right to use it. [Seconded by Comrade Adams.]

Commander in Chief Rownd. Now the question is before you for discussion. If you do not want to discuss the question any longer, I am ready to entertain the vote. All those favoring that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." Unanimously adopted.

Mrs. DARLING. Now, comrades, the only other thing to be decided—the only other question to be decided—is about the eighty-second encampment next year. We have this invitation from Grand Rapids, and this gentleman here yesterday told us that all the meeting rooms would be air-conditioned, the meeting rooms for the allied organizations and the Grand Army of the Republic would be furnished without cost. He told us this morning that if we went to Grand Rapids there would be a private dining room for the Grand Army veterans and their aides so that they would not have to push around in these crowds

and try to get waited on in the public eating places; there would be a private dining room for you. All the expenses of the Grand Army veterans would be paid. He has pledged himself that an amount of money which they are sure will take care of the outside expenses will be raised.

He told me this morning that, contrary to rumor, Grand Rapids was a very easy place to reach because the railroads now have through cars, Grand Rapids cars, on their fine streamlined trains; that you in the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., may board the New York Central in a Grand Rapids car and be delivered directly into Grand Rapids without change of cars. If you were going from Boston, Mass., or New York City you would take a Grand Rapids car and be delivered without change in Grand Rapids. If you were going from Fort Wayne or any of the southern points you would take the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Grand Rapids car, and be delivered in Grand Rapids. If you were coming from the Middle West or Far West you would reach Chicago and take the Chesapeake & Ohio streamliner and be delivered in Grand Rapids, Mich. He assured us that we should have every comfort there and your ease would be carefully attended to, and that you would not have to have the encampment in the hot August weather.

Comrade GRATE. Have you set a date?

Mrs. DARLING. No date has been set. All you have to do is to accept the invitation, and then your national secretary would go immediately to Grand Rapids and set the date with the chamber of commerce and with the convention bureau.

Comrade ADAMS. I have been to the encampment there twice. It is a fine place and fine people.

Commander in Chief ROWND. We have all been there and it is a lovely place, but America boasts so many other beautiful places, and others that might be of greater advantage a good deal than if we would accept Grand Rapids. I think it would be very much safer for us to delay action until we have received other bids that I know we are going to receive, and the whole question should be settled by the executive committee, and also the executive committee advise each member of the organization and those that have requested our presence for the encampment for next year. Then we would have more light on the subject for independent action and intelligent action.

Mrs. DARLING. I talked last night with Miss Gillis. We have had no intimation of other invitations, and it would be that you do the same thing that you did last year. The convention bureaus now are booked for 1 year ahead, and unless it is decided you will again have to take whatever date can be given; and we have no other invitation.

Commander in Chief ROWND. If we haven't any other invitations, but it appears that we may have invitations from other places that may want to favor us and extend an invitation to us, and for that reason I think it should be left open for a certain time anyhow. (Informal discussion off the record.)

Now are there any other members that desire to discuss this question? Don't forget the fact that America is a very resourceful country, and they will have other invitations—more than the one you have received. I have a little information that Buffalo will make a request. And then we have got no amount. We could not act on this question until we have positive, specific terms.

Mrs. DARLING. You cannot get it.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I simply make the suggestion for the information of the comrades, as I view the situation.

Mrs. DARLING. What Comrade Rownd wants to know is whether you want to accept this invitation to Grand Rapids, Mich., now or lay it over, hoping that you might have other invitations. He has suggested that we wait, that we might have other invitations. What is your pleasure?

Comrade ADAMS. How much trouble did they have getting an invitation before they got this last year?

Mrs. DARLING. Miss Gillis ran all over the country.

Comrade ADAMS. It will be worse because there is only five of us here this year. There may be only two or three next year. I think we should settle the matter.

Commander in Chief Rownd. We will be very fortunate to have three next year.

Mrs. DARLING. Why don't you ask for a motion?

Commander in Chief Rownd. My recommendation was that we refer this question to the executive committee.

Mrs. DARLING. That is what was done.

Commander in Chief Rownd. But I remove this entirely as a recommendation and leave the matter for the comrades to determine the question where they want to go, whether they want to go there or let the executive committee decide.

Comrade GRATE. I move that we accept the invitation. [Seconded by Comrade Bennett.]

Commander in Chief Rownd. The motion is before the House. The only thing, I think we are going in the blind not knowing anything about the amount of money they are going to contribute toward the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic. If it was only us five people. I cannot question this motion. The question is before you.

Mrs. DARLING. Comrade Rownd seems quite positive that he would rather wait.

Comrade OSBORN. Has there been any request or bid by any place wanting us to come? On that consideration it has seemed to me for many years, and the same now, that we want to be careful to locate the next meeting as near central as we possibly can, so that these who are living will be able to go.

Commander in Chief Rownd. Will you consent to the withdrawal of that motion?

Comrade GRATE. I will if it is necessary.

Commander in Chief Rownd. Will you consent—the second of that motion? I declare the motion out of order. Now we are ready for another question.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been suggested that the matter of settling upon the location of the next encampment be left entirely to the commander in chief and the secretary who will have to do the work in locating the encampment. In other words, your commander in chief and his secretary will locate and decide upon the place for the next encampment.

Commander in Chief Rownd. I am ready to entertain a motion to that effect.

Comrade ADAMS. I move it. [Seconded by Comrade Grate.]

Comrade GRATE. I think the first motion should have been put.

Mrs. DARLING. It has been moved and seconded that the place for holding the next encampment be left to the judgment of the commander in chief and the national secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Are you ready for the vote?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Now all those favoring that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." That is carried.

Comrade GRATE. I voted for it but I am not in favor of it.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Ready for the motion for the adjournment of this convention sine die.

Comrade ADAMS. I make that motion.

Commander in Chief ROWND. All those favoring that motion will indicate it by saying "Aye." We are adjourned, and I want to have a few words to say, speaking from the heart, to my comrade [shaking each comrade by the hand and bidding him goodbye]. (10:41 a. m.)

**MEMORIAL SERVICES
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CAMPFIRE and GRAND PARADE**

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE GRAND BALLROOM
OF THE HOTEL CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND, OHIO. SUN-
DAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 10, 1947, 2:30 P. M.**

Judge Arthur Day, chairman.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Judge Day. Ladies and gentlemen, in the presence of these clergymen I hesitate to attempt to quote the Scriptures, but one of the Commandments that stands out in my mind is that we should keep the Sabbath Day holy. And so we gather here this afternoon for the purpose of commemorizing those who have departed who have done so very much to keep alive the teachings of the Master; and indeed as we gather here on this memorable occasion we are carrying out the commandment of our Lord and Master.

I have in mind that as we gather here we are paying our respect to those who have made possible the material governmental expressions of the teachings of the Master, the spiritual teachings translated into the everyday way of life where all men are created free and equal as American citizens.

One hesitates to give expression, or rather attempt to give expression to the deep-buried thoughts because we find words altogether unable to convey the thought that we want to give them.

I am happy to have the privilege to preside over this meeting this afternoon in the presence of you my comrades of the War of the Rebellion, you my brothers and sisters of the allied organizations, in the presence of this leadership gathered from all sections of our great country.

As we come forward paying our respects to the memory of that gallant band who not only preserved this beacon of democracy but after the wartime period was over did not cease to be service men but continued in the uniform of their country although they were in civilian pursuits—a gallant band of men that all of us remember in our childhood, we keep alive the things for which they fought and translated them into everyday life.

I would hesitate to think what the lot of the world today would be had there been no soldiers of the North in the War of the Rebellion. But even, more so, in a larger sense, I would hesitate to think what the world would be had they not kept alive the thing that we call democracy in the intervening years in their great organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic [applause].

While we have gathered here we have been extremely fortunate in having one of the great armed branches of our country sent to us in order that we have here as our guests and a part of our encampment the greatest band in the world, the United States Marine Band [applause]. We have been enjoying their music under the direction of that fine leader, Major Santelmann, and I am going to ask at this time

if the Major and his fine band will not stand up and take a bow [applause].

And now that we have paid our respects to the Major and his band, we are going to have the effrontery to ask them to work again. and, Major, will you give us some more music? [Applause.]

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. Major Santelmann and gentlemen, thank you very, very much. It might rejoice the sisters and brothers that you be told that these members of the United States Marine Corps, even though they are still service men, are mindful of the fact that throughout the length and breadth of the Nation there are many of us who are with them in spirit even though we may not be wearing our country's uniform, and they recognize us as comrades, I think, in a most fitting way.

We will now have the invocation by a comrade and brother of ours who saw service in World War II with the Navy in the Chaplain's Corps, Rabbi Julius J. Nodel, former chaplain of the United States Navy.

Rabbi NODEL. Let us rise. Our God and God of our Fathers, at this moment gathered here to call to mind those of our loved ones who by their lives and achievements have contributed to the happiness and welfare of their fellowmen, we ask Thee to shed a portion of Thy grace over them, gather them under the cover of Thy wings. Grant peace also unto those who have gone to the Eternal Morning in sacrifice for God, country, and humanity.

O Infinite Source of Love and Justice, establish Thou Thy rule in the lives of nations and peoples. Give them to understand that not by might nor by strength but by Thy spirit do they live and have their being. Teach them to walk in the paths of peace. May Thy Fatherhood inspire them and build a fellowship that transcends national boundaries, racial blood, and creedal ties.

We thank Thee, O God, for the faith and valor of the sons and daughters of America which saves us in war and sustains us in peace. May our Nation, beloved America, lead in pointing the way to that larger and all-inclusive fraternity to be established in the hearts of men and in the lives of peoples.

And most of all, O Lord, grant us brotherhood, not only for this day, but for all our years—a brotherhood not of words but of facts and deeds. We are all of us children of earth—grant us that simple knowledge. If our brothers are oppressed then we are oppressed. If they hunger, we hunger. If their freedom is taken away, our freedom is not secure. Grant us a common faith that all shall know bread and peace—that all shall know justice and righteousness, freedom and security—an equal opportunity and an equal chance to do our best, not only in our own land but throughout the world, and in that faith may we march toward the clean world our hands can make; and our actions will be our tribute, our monuments to our dear departed. Amen.

Judge DAY. We are fortunate in having procured the services of a delightful young lady who is going to render that song which all soldiers love to hear. There is No Death, by Kathryn Nusbaum. [Song by Miss Nusbaum.] [Applause.] Thank you, Miss Nusbaum.

Some way or other there are two ways in which we can truly express our feelings. One is through song, and one is through floral tribute. The GAR and affiliated organizations at this time are going to take up

the matter of placing floral tributes. I could talk at great length in introducing the first gentleman that I am going to present, but I would only be ridiculous, in this gathering particularly, to do anything other than to say that the first flowers will be placed by Commander in Chief John H. Grate, of the Grand Army of the Republic. Either he himself—even though he is here, we give him permission to have someone else do it for the commander in chief. Use your own judgment. [The floral tribute in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic was then placed personally by the commander in chief.]

What a flood of memories must have poured through your minds as you saw the commander in chief go over and place his floral tribute. Now we are going to have floral tributes placed by those who are the heads of our great affiliated organizations. As one who had the experience of service for this country in World War I, I have this to say, and I know I give expression to the thought of every man, every American man who served his country. I wish I could give the burden of our heart, as I think in terms of what these great affiliated organizations mean to us. You women of America have done so much more than what you in your own modesty can possibly realize. I believe I will leave it at that.

I have the privilege of presenting now at this time the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Alice F. Larson. [Mrs. Larson places flowers.]

Mrs. Mabel Y. Coffey, the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Mrs. Coffey places flowers.]

The mainspring of this convention, the secretary of the GAR, who represents as national president the Daughters of Union Veterans, Cora E. Gillis. [Miss Gillis places flowers.]

The head of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander in Chief Neil D. Cranmer. [Mr. Cranmer places flowers.]

The national president of that other splendid woman's organization, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Edna S. Lambert. [Mrs. Lambert places flowers.]

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. Many thanks, Major, and gentlemen of the band. We have been very fortunate in procuring the pastor of the First Christian Church, one of our largest churches in Cleveland. I say that not only because of his own attainments but because he is the grandson of one of those fine comrades who make up the GAR. His grandfather, from Indiana, served in the Army of the Potomac and the grandson is serving in the army of the Lord as the pastor of Euclid Avenue Christian Church, Reverend Fiers.

Rev. A. DALE FIERS. Three weeks ago I stood at the grave of my grandfather in a little country cemetery in Illinois near the Indiana border. For the first time since early childhood I read the inscription on the stone which marks his last resting place: "Company K, Nineteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers." As I was standing there I suddenly remembered that today it would be my grand honor and privilege to speak to you comrades, those who out of the thousands who entered the service of their country still go marching triumphantly on.

It came to me that this indeed would be an unprecedented opportunity and honor in my life to pay tribute to one who was dear to my heart. In preparation for this day vivid memories of yesterday were

stirred in my mind. I recalled those thrilling stories of life in the Army of the Potomac passed down from father to son and grandson. I am sure that the superman of our day would be a weakling alongside of my visualization of my grandfather that I worshipped in the days of my youth.

There came again to me the sound of marching feet to those sounds that echo across the years—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching, Tenting Tonight on the Old Campground, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is your day. Millions who have been blessed by the fruits of your service and sacrifice join in paying you honor and delight to join with you in paying tribute to that great host who fell in battle and to those who through the years have dropped out of the ranks to join that innumerable host marching on through eternity.

In the early days of our Nation we had to face the great issue of union. In those critical years back of all the shouting and the tumult there was that clear and challenging vision of "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." And we enjoy the fruits of democracy, the fruits of a great national life, because that victory was won and made secure. The years as they have come and gone have but underscored the significance of that contribution to our civilization and the life of our country, for without that victory our country could never have occupied its great place.

Within the last month thousands of the papers and addresses of our great Civil War leader Abraham Lincoln were opened to the public. There were those who eagerly awaited that opening for pages which might point to treason in high places. There were those who searched for scandal in the White House. There were those who were looking for some dark spots in that great life. But we rejoice to know that the scrutiny of those papers has but illuminated with greater brightness the portrait of that great man who led these Boys in Blue and the Nation forward toward a great ideal "with malice toward none and charity for all."

Likewise, those whom we honor stand out in a greater light because of the revelation of the years. Now in this present hour we move forward into a new age, an age which is widely called the atomic age. Once again we are called upon to face the great issue of union, union upon a wider scale than we have ever faced it before. It is not now union of North and South in one country, but the union of East and West in the world. It is no longer an issue of united states but united nations. We are concerned now not with one country but one world.

And so it is that the brightest star in all of the skies of the present is America, the land of the free, which has wrought across the year the freedom of every individual soul to have a better life and to seek happiness. The land of the brave that has preserved conscience, that has upheld the worth of the individual despite all of the tyrannies that have sought to establish themselves in history.

Many of us believe that now, this hour, our great Nation is called upon to give a leadership which can bring the world together, which can take all of the divers countries and races and creeds and bring them together in cooperative, peaceable life. In this, our own generation, the foundations of a just and durable peace must be securely laid, and there is no other nation in all of the earth that carries so

great a responsibility and has so great an opportunity as the United States of America.

This is a responsibility that can be measured in terms of moral values. Our contribution to our age cannot be measured in the size of our stock pile of atomic bombs, but in terms of the moral ideals that we have sought to preserve in the world and our way of life that we have tried to make secure for all men.

Let us remember as we look to the past that upon the victories of yesterday must be built the enduring structures of tomorrow.

Yes, we have come to this sacred hour to pay tribute to those who have fallen, and we have been touched as we have watched these comrades place floral tributes in memory of their comrades who have gone. To pay our respect we have come wholeheartedly and gladly. But underlying all this there is the living memory of those who served yesterday and made possible the opportunities that are ours today. They rest, but they are in our hearts. As the poet has said :

They sleep, they sleep,
But in our hearts eternally we keep
Their faith and love.

And upon the basis of that faith and that love, let us go forward courageously to make our contribution tomorrow. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Thank you very much, Dr. Fiers, for your splendid message.

The Nation's Prayer, by Miss Kathryn Nusbaum. [Song by Miss Nusbaum.] Thank you, Miss Nusbaum. Your lovely presence and beautiful songs have added greatly to the program.

Tributes to deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Robert M. Rownd, chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chaplain in Chief Rownd. I have been favored with a voice that is loud enough to be heard without using the microphone. There is no language that I could employ that would adequately express the deep sorrow that is in my heart for the men who have departed, with many of whom I soldiered in the Army of 1861 to 1865.

As I contemplate what has happened to the Grand Army since 1867 up to the present, there is only a remnant of 68 of the Grand Army of the Republic out of an army of 2,228,000. In this great State in which I was born and enlisted in the army there were 247,212 brave men who listened to the call of our great President Lincoln. There are only five of those men living. In the State of New York, in which I am now living, there are only two left out of the 267,203. Thank you. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Comrade Rownd asked me when he came back, "Was that enough?" I said, "That was swell." Let's give Comrade Rownd another hand. [Applause.] We could listen to you for a long time, Comrade Rownd. You said a lot in just a few words.

The national chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, Martha J. Huff.

Mrs. HUFF. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, my National President, heads of the various allied organization, my comrades, Major Santelmann and his boys, comrades and members and friends, being Chaplain, it is my very sacred privilege on behalf of my beloved order, the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to pay homage and loving tribute to our dearly

beloved comrades who have gone on. Today we honor these men and cherish their memories.

Truly we perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

They will hear no more the bugle or the cannon's awful roar,
 They will fight no more the battles, on the blood-stained fields of war.
 They who carried grand Old Glory from Atlanta to the Sea,
 Now in silence rest forever, 'neath the flag they helped make free.
 Grant and Sheridan, the soldiers, to the unknown shores have fled,
 They have gone to join the Army of the sacred soldier dead.
 Since our heroes fought together, many years have passed away,
 And those left of that Grand Army, now are old men, bowed and gray.
 Birds will sing and flowers grow o'er their silent, sacred dust,
 While the ivy twines the cannon and the old sword gathers rust.
 They'll be held in sacred memory, through the ages yet to be,
 By the coming countless millions of this Nation's great and free.
 They have saved this great Republic, kept our starry flag o'erhead,
 So we love our gray-haired veterans, love the living and the dead.

Judge Day. That was certainly lovely, Mrs. Huff. Thank you very, very much.

The National Chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Evah M. Ervin.

Mrs. ERVIN. National Commander in Chief, Chairman of Ceremonies, United States Marine Band, my own National President, my own official family, and all assembled here this afternoon :

OUR COMRADES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The ranks of our comrades are growing thin
 And they are leaving us one by one,
 Entering into the gates of heaven,
 Their toil on this earth is done.

These gallant and noble gentlemen
 Who wore the uniform of blue
 Gave their lives on land and sea,
 To make this country free for me and you.

And those who have been with us
 Reaching the ages of 100 or more
 Have filled our hearts with inspiration,
 Their fraternity and loyalty we adore.

For us who are left to carry on the work
 They have given a beautiful heritage to cherish,
 And we pledge ourselves with loyalty that their name,
 The Grand Army of the Republic, will never perish.

Judge Day. Thank you very much, Mrs. Ervin. The national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Clara Mosher.

Mrs. MOSHER. Mr. Chairman, our comrades of the Grand Army, the allied family, our clergymen, our band, and friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, we, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are proud to pay this tribute to our Grand Army men, because we feel that by their deeds and their actions they make us, we women members, better citizens of the United States. They have given to us by their inspiration a deeper sense of loyalty and patriotism. They have broadened our lives.

I like to think of our organization as a living monument to the Grand Army of the Republic—each year a new facade to be added to this monument, each year making greener and more beautiful the memory of our Grand Army of the Republic.

I am very deeply moved and in all reverence and love pay this tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic. May their memory be always green and beautiful in our hearts. We hereby dedicate ourselves to a greater service to these men who have given so much to us and to the comrades of all wars.

Judge DAY. Thank you, Mrs. Mosher. The national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Luther W. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS. Master of Ceremonies, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, allied orders, members of this great United States Marine Band, and friends:

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS

War is hateful and most undesirable, yet God's word tells us that there will be wars and rumors of war, and as this dispensation draws to its close, wars increase in devastation and total destruction.

Apparently all wars could have been prevented, but if ever war was justified it surely was when our fathers fought to preserve this great Union, save this great Nation, and keep the peace.

As national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I am indeed happy to pay this tribute of respect to the grandest and only Grand Army of the United States of America, who fought courageously, died heroically, and those who survived the four long years of bloody conflict, lived nobly.

About three score still live, and to the very few of you who are present, we thank you from the very depths of our hearts for what you did, and pledge you that by God's help we will continue to preserve the Union, maintain the peace, and keep America for Americans. And to all those of perverse ideas and ideals, we bid them depart to foreign shores where they may find a government and belief to their liking.

Again we say, God bless the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and God bless you few, Boys in Blue, and to you may we ever be true.

Judge DAY. Thank you, Reverend. The national chaplain of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Anna B. Meyers.

Mrs. MEYERS. All my superior officers, my sisters, my brothers, and all my friends, I think this is one of the grandest moments in my life, to pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic—the Grand Army of the World to me. I can stand up and say so many nice things to the Grand Army of the Republic, but I am limited to only a few words.

Therefore, before I retire I again say to the Grand Army of the Republic may God keep them, bless them, take them back home after their journey here this week; may He guide and direct them all week, so that after our labors this week we may go home and say God has been kind to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the world. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. We in the various communities of the United States are fortunate, and therefore our country is fortunate, by reason of the fact that in most communities there seems to be one person comes forward as a veteran and patriotic leader. Cleveland is most fortunate in that respect, and I want to have the privilege of presenting to you

the chairman of the Cuyahoga County Veterans' Association for a bow, Commander John Price. Before presenting Commander Price may I say that he is the son of a GAR veteran. His father was in the service of his country during the War of the Rebellion. He himself served as a soldier in the Spanish-American War, and ever since that time he has been a comrade giving of himself and giving leadership to patriotic and veterans' organizations. John, won't you take a bow?

Mr. PRICE. Comrades and sisters, I think it would be very fitting today to recall the pledge of the Battle Hymn of the Republic:

In the beauty of the lilies,
Christ was born across the sea,
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free
As we go marching on.

[Applause.]

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. Surely that was beautiful, Major Santelmann, and gentlemen of the Marine Corps Band.

In concluding our program this afternoon, may I not say to you that I deeply appreciate having had the privilege of acting as your chairman, for I am conscious that I am in the presence of men and women who have devoted years of their life to the leadership of their respective organizations in order that we could have a better and more perfect America.

And now as you assemble here in your eighty-first national encampment in order to pay respect to those who are no longer with us and who have done so much, I realize that this is not just one day in your lives, but I am conscious of the fact that it is a renewal of your dedication to continue your efforts as leaders and as individuals in order that this great America of ours may continue to represent that for which the Boys in Blue fought back 82 years ago insofar as warfare is concerned, but they continued during the 82 years to give leadership to the thoughts instilled as a result of being willing to sacrifice their life's blood if necessary.

Thank you so very much as an organization for having given to me the great privilege that has been mine during the course of this meeting here this afternoon. And now we will conclude with the benediction and then the sounding of taps. The benediction will be given by our Memorial Day speaker, Reverend Fiers.

Rev. Mr. FIERS. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace both now and in the life everlasting. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. You are dismissed. (3:52 p. m.)

SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN MUSIC HALL, PUBLIC AUDITORIUM, CLEVELAND, OHIO, TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1947, 8 P. M.

Judge Arthur H. Day, general chairman, presiding.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. I need not say this of course to anyone connected with this grand encampment, that you have just been privileged to hear

the finest musical organization in the world and the greatest military band in the world. [Applause.] This band, of course, as you all know, is led by that splendid gentleman, Major Santelmann of the United States Marine Corps. [Applause.] Now, Major Santelmann, if you and the comrades of the Marine Corps Band will render the Star Spangled Banner.

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. Certainly no American could experience any greater thrill than has been that of your chairman to have had the privilege of standing alongside the commander in chief of the eighty-first encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations and hear the Star Spangled Banner played by the United States Marine Band. So, so far as I am concerned, the evening has gotten under way beautifully.

We will now have the invocation by Rev. Guy Volpitto, of the Woodland Hills Union Church.

Rev. Mr. VOLPITTO. Let us bow our heads in prayer. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have come tonight in order that we may honor this remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic, men who bring to us that symbol of a united nation, men who were willing to follow a leader whose determination was "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

May these men who represent this Grand Army give us who are younger a better determination that not only shall we have one nation but that we shall work for one world, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

May Thy blessing rest upon these men, upon this assemblage. May we do that which has Thy blessing in Thy sight. We ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Judge DAY. Comrades, sisters, brothers, and guests, the committee has been very fortunate indeed to have been able to procure the services of the Nela Park Choral Club, an all girls organization, who at this time will do us the favor of singing for us. [The girls sang Night and Day, Moonlight Madonna, and L'Espagnola, receiving hearty applause.]

After hearing their lovely voices and knowing that this is an all girls organization, you can realize, of course, that they have had very splendid training. They have been directed by Mr. Frank V. Kolds. Mr. Kold's, won't you come out for a bow? [Applause.]

The next gentleman I am about to introduce to you I could take an unusual amount of time in presenting, because I have known him long and intimately and most favorably. I even knew him back in the days when he was the head usher out at the old League Park and know him to be a great baseball fan. He is compelled to spend most of his time away from his home town down in Columbus, and the fact that there is a double-header on here tonight, he is paying a tremendous tribute to us to be present this evening. [Applause.]

You have often heard the expression, "a scholar, a gentleman, and a statesman." Well, he is pre-eminent in all three of those things. And then he adds to that a splendid military record in World War I. He was wounded in World War I and suffered results from that for many, many years. As a matter of fact he was completely overcome in one of his campaigns as recently as only a few years ago by reason of that fact. A splendid executive, a splendid gentleman, and a

great soldier. We of Ohio are extremely proud of him, and happy am I indeed to present to my comrades and brothers and my sisters and our guests the Governor of Ohio, Tom Herbert.

Governor HERBERT. Judge Day, that introduction was a little bit unfair. I also have known him back before World War I when "Art" was his usual handle, and when he talks about double-header ball games, I have had the privilege of seeing only two ball games this year. That was the opening game at Cincinnati and one game here in Cleveland. And while I would like very much to take in another ball game, I am leaving here and flying out of Cleveland at 9 o'clock tonight, I hope.

Commander Grate, your other comrades, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen, I am going to make this brief, but I just want to assure you that the State of Ohio welcomes you all to this eighty-first national encampment. In the absence of Mayor Burke, I am also glad as an Ohioan to welcome you to Cleveland, and as a Clevelander, because I have been a resident of this city at least since 1894, I share in the pride which is Cleveland's today that you are honoring us with your presence here.

We, here in Ohio, are conscious of the fact that the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and the history of the State of Ohio are inseparable. We salute your national commander as one of our prize Ohioans.

When that first shot was fired at Fort Sumter, plunging the Nation into a titanic struggle for survival, Ohio did her part and responded nobly then. We ranked third among the States in numbers of men furnished for military service. I will name some of them: Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, Philip H. Sheridan, Rutherford B. Hayes, Irvin McDowell, George B. McClellan, William S. Rosecrans, Don Carlos Buell, Quincy A. Gilmore, James R. McPherson, Ormsley A. Mitchell, George A. Custer, Jacob D. Cox, James A. Garfield, and Robert C. Schenck.

There were 325,000 of them from Ohio—today there are 6. To these physical giants the undying gratitude of an everlastingly grateful people is extended as they so gloriously represent the achievements of all their comrades.

From 325,000 to 6 in 86 years is the story. The adjutant general's department informs me that these 6 are:

Oakley H. Bailey, age 104, Alliance.
John R. Bennett, age 102, Waynesfield.
Alving Smith, age 103, Youngstown.
John H. Grate, age 102, Atwater.
Daniel Clingaman, age 101, Wauseon.
Bird B. Stith, age 101, Columbus.

That great Ohio journalist and historian, Whitelaw Reid, summarized the exploits of the various Ohio units in the field in the following glowing tribute:

They fought on well-nigh every battlefield of the war. Within 48 hours after the telegraphic call, two Ohio regiments were on their way to the rescue of the imperiled capital in the spring of 1861. An Ohio brigade, in good order, covered the retreat from the first Bull Run. Ohio troops formed the bulk of the army that saved West Virginia; the bulk of the army that saved Kentucky; a large share of the army that took Fort Donelson; a part of the army at Island No. 10; a great part of the army that, from Stone River, and Chickamauga, and Mission Ridge, and Kenesaw, and Atlanta, swept down to the sea and back through the

Carolinas to the Old Dominion. They fought at Pea Ridge. They charged at Wagner. They campaigned against the Indians along the base of the Rocky Mountains. They helped to redeem North Carolina. They were in the siege at Vicksburg, the siege of Charleston, the siege of Richmond, the siege of Mobile. At Pittsburg Landing, at Antietam, at Gettysburg, at Corinth, in the Wilderness, before Nashville, at Five Forks, and Appomattox Court House, their bones, reposing on the fields they won, are a perpetually binding pledge that no flag shall ever wave over these graves of our soldiers but the flag they fought to maintain.

Those are the words of Whitelaw Reid in describing the Ohio troops in the Civil War. [Applause.]

So we here in Ohio are proud to be your hosts. The shadows are lengthening, but the story which these veterans lived has made it possible for them to grow old gracefully, and when the last of them shall have gone let their story be perpetuated forever in the hearts of the American people by these organizations represented here today.

For your mission is not yet complete. It will not be complete until that day arrives when peace here and throughout the world is an accomplished fact. These veterans, I am sure, would want you to carry on to achieve that objective. No one desires peace as much as the soldier, for he must pay the greatest penalty in war.

It is going to take more than lip service to achieve peace. In the last 3,400 years only 268—less than 1 in 13—have been free from wars the world over. And during our own American history our longest period at peace has been 33 years, and the shortest period has been 17 years.

With this historical precedent as a guide we can either cynically conclude that war is inevitable and unconcernedly permit the forces of greed and aggression to consume us by another and obviously more horrible war, or, we can with vision and courage through concerted action accomplish a just and lasting peace.

To win at peace will not be easy. Already 70 percent of the American people have predicted, in a Nation-wide poll, that there will be another war within 25 years.

Our first big task is to convert a majority of the American people to a belief in the inevitability of peace as distinguished from an apparent present belief in the inevitability of war.

This can be done because America has always done that which it really sets its mind and heart to do.

In our fight to conquer disease, medical service during the past 100 years has prolonged our life expectancy from 36 to 65 years.

In our fight to conquer time and space we have, during the past 150 years, progressed from the oxcart to the airplane in the field of transportation, and from the hand-delivered letter to the radio and television in the field of communication.

We are the youngest of the great nations, yet we proudly possess the oldest continuous form of government.

What has been and is being done in all other fields through the guiding hand of natural science must now be supplemented to a greater extent than in the past by advancement in the field of political science.

The commander in chief of these war veterans, Abraham Lincoln, pointed our way now, as he did then, when he said:

Public opinion is everything. Without it nothing can succeed. With it nothing can fail.

Our job then is the mobilization of public opinion here in America and throughout the world to demand and insist upon a permanent world peace.

While we are doing that let us insist upon being militarily strong as a nation.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur in an address to the famed Rainbow Division in 1935 said :

On looking back through the history of the English-speaking people, it will be found in every instance that the most sacred principles of free government have been acquired, protected, and perpetuated through the embodied armed strength of the peoples concerned. From Magna Charta to the present day there is little in our institutions worth having or worth perpetuating that has not been achieved for us by armed men. Trade, wealth, literature, and refinement cannot defend a state—pacific habits do not insure peace nor immunity from national insult and national aggression. Every nation that would preserve its tranquility, its riches, its independence, and its self respect must keep alive its martial ardor and be at all times prepared to defend itself. Every nation swept away was submerged by force of arms. Once each was strong and militant. Each rose by military prowess. Each fell through degeneracy of military capacity because of unpreparedness. The battlefield was the bed upon which they were born into this world, and the battlefield became the couch on which their worn-out bodies finally expired. Let us be prepared, lest we, too, perish.

Those were the words of Douglas MacArthur in 1935. Since then Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Corregidor—"Too little—too late"—then finally enraged by our own earlier inadequacy, inspired by the courage of those few who won us precious time, fearful of our own security, we snapped out of our complacency and went on to victory.

But time and space—our allies in the past—are no longer the bulwarks behind which we may seek protection.

So as these veterans so ably forged the link which today make 48 States an insoluble Union let us, the beneficiaries, dedicate ourselves to the task of maintaining an indestructible Union by being militarily strong and alert while at the same time leading the world to lasting peace. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Governor Herbert, we thank you for coming here on this occasion. We know you are an extremely busy man, that you are away from your important business. I know you do come back to Cleveland now and then—possibly it may be the day of the ball game. Anyhow you are excused now.

We of Cleveland are very fortunate in having two Toms. You have just heard from one Tom, the Governor of Ohio, Tom Herbert. The next one on the program is the other Tom, Tom Burke, the mayor of the city of Cleveland, and today I received a telegram which in part reads as follows—it comes from New York City:

I regret that I cannot be present at your meeting this evening. I have delegated Willard Brown of the city law department to represent me and to convey my greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliates.

We regret very much, we of Cleveland, that the very presentable and splendid, charming mayor of our city, for whom we have such great respect, cannot be with us, because I know that you would enjoy hearing him and enjoy meeting him, just as I have the many times that he has appeared in my court as a lawyer.

But we are very fortunate in having in his stead the man that he delegated to represent him. I am happy to present him, not just as the representative of the city of Cleveland, but I am most happy to

present him in his own right, one of those never-to-be-forgotten men, comrades of World War II, the young men of America who accomplished the impossible, yet they did accomplish it. He was a man who distinguished himself as the wearer of the Distinguished Flying Cross. We of Cleveland are fortunate that he has gone forward in the world in their law department as assistant director of law. So happy am I indeed to present as the representative of the mayor of the city of Cleveland for an address of welcome none other than Major Willard Brown. [Applause.]

Major BROWN. I want to express at this time the very sincere regrets of the mayor that he is unable to be here and express to you his welcome and the welcome of the city of Cleveland to the Grand Army of the Republic in the city for its eighty-first national encampment.

We are indeed very proud and very happy to have you here. And then as a younger person and as a veteran of this past war, I would like to say a few words to express my sincere respect and high regard for the great and grand Grand Army of the Republic, that symbol of a united nation.

I read the newspaper today and heard where Governor Herbert had addressed the Auxiliary last night, and the essence of his speech was to the effect that he called attention to our efforts to pattern our steps after the steps of the Grand Army of the Republic. Of course, he had reference to their consecration to that great principle of union, and we naturally like to say today that our challenge—perhaps it may appear even greater than it was to them at that time, our challenge is the same. Again it is that of union, a union not of one nation but of many nations. I certainly hope, as I know many of you hope, that we can acquit ourselves as the Grand Army of the Republic acquitted themselves and dedicated themselves to that problem of union.

I thank you. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Thank you, Major Brown. You will note that the general committee has done rather a complete job. I have had the privilege of going around to the various federated organizations and addressing you as individual organizations. I tried to make myself clear on some points, but I know that some of you that are here tonight might not have been present as I went around to the various hotels. You will note that the general committee has provided for an address of welcome on the part of the Governor of Ohio, a representative of the mayor of Cleveland, and I know that they are heartfelt in their welcome to this great encampment.

I think the reason back of it—I am not trying to be modest—why the committee chose me as their general chairman is because they realized that I have the power of issuing writs of habeas corpus, so that if any of the underlings of this committee who have appeared or given you their welcome don't quite realize, and it has not come down from the Mayor's office and from the Governor's office that you are welcome here, and if somebody comes reporting a tough case of keeping you here beyond the day that you wish to stay here in Cleveland, why then it becomes the duty of the general chairman to issue a writ of habeas corpus, and I will see that it is done. [Applause].

Although I am afraid we are not going to have much difficulty on that score in this kind of an encampment, I have seen conventions in

Cleveland with one-tenth the number make their presence known in a way that you have not, far more than all of you here combined. You have been quiet; you have gone about your work. It has been delightful to have had you here in our city. I cannot convey to you how much we appreciate that. Maybe some of our organizations of World War I and World War II should profit by the way you deport yourselves. [Applause.]

Now we have the privilege of again hearing those splendid feminine voices of the Nela Park Choral Club. Now you may have met the director of the Nela Park Choral Club. This time I want to present likewise the accompanist, Mrs. Mary Thompson, if she will step out for us.

(The Choral Club sang Tonight We Love, The Old Lamp Lighter, and Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, receiving enthusiastic applause.)

Judge DAY. Director Kolds and Mrs. Thompson and young ladies, before you depart may I not in behalf of everyone here express our appreciation to you for your presence and your lovely songs. [Applause.]

We have just had come up on the platform one of those grand old men of the GAR, and I want to present him to you, Comrade Bennett, assistant adjutant general, of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic. [Comrade Bennett rises and is applauded.]

Now we are to have another great treat, Hail to the Chief, by the inimitable United States Marine Band, led by the major. [The selection was played by the band.]

And that Hail to the Chief was to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, none other than our dearly beloved Comrade Grate. I just want to say this, that when I turned to the commander in chief I said, "Commander in chief, I know it is pretty hot. We want to hear from you but if you are a little bit tired, why that will be O. K." He said, "Well, I want to talk a little." I said, "Well, go to it," and here he is.

Commander in Chief GRATE. The most important part that I have to say is a letter that I received from a southern gentlemen in Virginia, and I will be glad to have the secretary read that letter to you. I think it is something that will be important. Two months or so ago I was invited to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the unveiling of a statue of Longstreet's wife. Longstreet was quite a famous general, and I think his wife was a good wife. Anyway I have a great deal of faith in her. They had a big time and they wanted me to come down and enjoy it with them. I didn't hardly feel able to go so far South and again it was not very convenient for me to leave just at that time, so I declined.

Well then in my letter to him I gave him a very cordial invitation to be with us here at this convention in Cleveland. I thought perhaps he would come and talk here. I never received any reply until just a few days ago I got this letter and it will explain itself. There is one clause in there that is addressed to the convention particularly. Thank you.

A VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE. Comrade Osborn, 104 years old, is sitting in the audience.

Judge DAY. Any more of our comrades who would like to come up here? I might say the reason we have not brought them up here is that we are trying to get these old comrades through this convention

without causing them any more inconvenience than necessary. I wonder if Comrade Osborn will just turn around and wave his hand. [Applause.]

I might say when we get that age we won't be able to get up here. I am, of course, I hope, talking in only a materialistic sense. One of the pleasant surprises of my adult years has been rather outstanding. It has been my experience yesterday and today as I have gone to various hotels and noted these affiliated organizations in convention assembled, going about their regular work. If a man needed any inspiration, if he found himself bogging down and being inclined to sell America a little bit short, all he would have to do is to have the experiences I have had yesterday and today in my visitations with these affiliated organizations. I found in four of those conventions big, convenient halls filled with earnest American womanhood, one of those halls filled with equally earnest American manhood, carrying on the traditions of the GAR, having in mind that they owed an obligation to the men and the women either as grandfathers or grandmothers, or mothers and fathers, or even great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers that gave them breath and made it possible for them to be Americans. [Applause.]

There will always be a GAR. Of that I have no doubt. [Applause.] And there will always be a GAR because we have the type of leadership present here in Cleveland today, gathered from throughout this great land of ours. We are mindful of the fact that almost a century ago—to be exact, 82 years ago—democracy would have disappeared from the face of the globe had it not been for their fathers and their mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, and their great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers, because, believe me, when I refer to the GAR I refer to your grandmother and my grandmother as well as my grandfather and your grandfather.

I am thinking in terms of the grandmothers that went ahead and raised five children, one of whom was my mother, after her husband had died as the result of war wounds. And so when I think in terms of comradeship I think in terms of our own women folks, and we are fortunate here in this convention to have the type of leadership that is ours in our affiliated organizations.

And I include in that the delegates, because I am just an ordinary run-of-mine, dues-paying member of the Sons. The only kind of job I have ever had I have been appointed to. I have not been elected to anything. But I do appreciate the kind of material that offers itself for election and is elected to these various posts from the lowliest one right up to the very top, and we are fortunate. I have been around in veterans' and patriotic circles for a long time, but I as simply a little fellow have never been in the presence of so many, if you will allow me to say it, big shots—national big shots—in my life; and it is my privilege to present them to you. They have been extremely kind in presenting me to their conventions, and I would like to reply in kind. But it is not necessary in this presence. The mere fact that they are presidents of their organizations speaks more than mere oral expression on my part possibly could.

So I present to you for greetings the charming National President of the Woman Relief Corps, President Alice F. Larson.

Mrs. LARSON. Chairman Judge Day, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, heads of the allied organizations, friends of the Grand Army, it is a happy privilege to come before you tonight and extend the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to this splendid gathering of patriotic people. You have come here this evening to pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, an army of men who in their youth and strength went forth to defend our flag and keep it unsullied as it is today and to keep our great States in a perfect Union.

In 1883 the Grand Army of the Republic, assembled in Denver, Colo., authorized the organization of their auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. We are now finishing our sixty-fifth year of service. Today in the closing days of my year I am privileged to bring the greetings of over 80,000 loyal women of America. Many of us have no kinship with the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are loyal women who love our country. We are carrying forth with the Grand Army of the Republic and will continue to carry on in their memory.

To those who are still with us I wish to say:

God send the sunshine of His love
To brighten all your way;
God keep your heart a happy heart
Throughout each passing day.
God give you hours of peace and rest
To bring you strength anew;
And always through each passing hour
God's blessing rest on you.

Commander in Chief, as a good Auxiliary we have always had the interests of your organization at heart. Each year, particularly as the years have passed, we have been anxiously watching over your funds, worrying for fear you might not have enough to carry on. Now it is my privilege to put in your keeping for the Grand Army of the Republic a check for \$1,000. Accompanying this check is another for \$250, which will go into your southern memorial fund to be used in taking care of the graves of your comrades in the Southland. [Applause.]

To those who could not see what was transpiring while I was bending over my Commander in Chief, he has accepted those checks and in turn he has handed me a package. I do not know what that package contains, but I can assure you that whatever it is it will be prized so long as the Lord lets me live.

Judge DAY. I now present this charming lady, President Mabel Y. Coffey of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. COFFEY. I am happy to bring you greetings this evening from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the blood relatives of the veterans of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865. I am happy that my father and my seven uncles were comrades of these grand boys who wore the blue during that time.

We Ladies of the Grand Army are celebrating our sixty-first annual convention here in Cleveland, Ohio. We are having a most happy time to think that we can have at least five of these grand old men who wore the blue that our flag might never be discredited. We feel that we are treading on holy ground when we are in their presence

because we owe them everything. Tonight I would like to pay a special tribute or salute to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Another full year has completed its round,
We are here again tenting on the old campground.
Like the leaves of the autumn, our comrades one by one
Are hearing "Lights out" at the set of the sun.

Like the mists of the morning they are passing away,
They are stacking their arms at the close of the day.
Each day the sun shines upon a new mound
To say that some comrade his last long rest has found.

They did their work well, these soldiers of ours;
Many sleep 'neath the fields that are covered with flowers,
And the few who remain in the fast-thinning ranks
Get our highest respect and our deep, heart-felt thanks.

A salute and a cheer and a "God bless you" who gave
Of your lives, in your vigor, that that flag might still wave
From Atlantic to the Pacific, and that this land might be
The home of the brave and the land of the free.

God bless you, dear comrades, who once wore the blue. To our Grand Army of the Republic, I salute you. I not only salute you but I bring you with love from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic a gift of our organization that you may carry on in this great work. We bring you a gift from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of \$1,000. [Applause.] Comrade Grate, I place in your hands a gift of \$1,000 from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief GRATE. That is very good.

Mrs. COFFEY. I would like to say to this vast audience who are the families of the Grand Army of the Republic, this gift from our national commander to me as national president of our organization will ever be treasured and appreciated very much. I thank you, Comrade Grate.

Judge DAY. You ladies of the splendid affiliated organizations certainly cause me to feel, as a comrade of World War I, keep it up as long as you can.

The charming head of another one of our great organizations, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Their president, as the secretary of the GAR, is the mainspring of this encampment, the one who instructed the general committee and from whom the general committee is taking orders, Cora E. Gillis.

Miss GILLIS. Judge Day, Commander in Chief, comrades of the Grand Army, Major Santelmann, members of the United States Marine Band, the commander asked a few minutes ago that I read a letter which he received from a Confederate veteran in the South. He invited this veteran to come to this encampment, but unfortunately he could not come. But I will read a part of that letter as the commander has asked me to do.

With deep appreciation Mrs. Howell and I wish to thank you for your most cordial invitation to attend the national GAR encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, August 10-14. I have delayed writing you hoping some plan might be worked out whereby we might be able to accept, but I regret that we will have to forego the pleasure. We consider it a great honor to be invited and I assure you there is nothing that would give us more pleasure than to attend and meet you and your comrades, also Sons and Daughters of the GAR. We had the pleasure of meeting your adjutant-general, John S. Dumser, in Gettysburg in 1938. We have corresponded with him since.

Isn't it a happy thought that we hold no animosity against each other and that we are all brothers? No North, no South, no East, no West in a hostile sense—just one grand united Nation. I had a son who served in the Spanish-American War and was a colonel in World War I. I had several grandsons in World War II.

This letter is signed by Julius F. Howell, a member of the Confederate Army. He adds the following greeting to the encampment:

Greetings on behalf of the few remaining Confederate veterans. I send greetings to you and all assembled in national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Cleveland, Ohio, August 10-14. May your convention be harmonious and successful, and may all be spared to attend many more similar meetings.

Mrs. Howell and I regret we are unable to be with you on this notable occasion.
Sincerely,

JULIUS FRANKLIN HOWELL.

BRISTOL, VA., *August 4, 1947.*

It is now my happy privilege to bring the greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I think every national president looks forward to this night when she may come and bring to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic the love and best wishes of all the Daughters of Veterans scattered throughout the United States.

This year I have had many aides, hundreds of them working through all parts of the country so that we might bring a love gift to our fathers tonight. It is my happy privilege to present to the Grand Army of the Republic for their general fund, \$1,000. I want the commander to hear this. We are giving you \$1,000 for your general fund, from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and \$250 for your southern memorial fund for the decorating of the graves of the comrades in the South.

We have a personal gift for you which I entrusted to one of my officers and she locked it up so carefully—she didn't give it to me even, but I am presenting to you as a personal gift—(you will receive it a little later at your hotel)—a wrist watch so that you may keep watch of the time—from your Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In addition to this I am glad to tell you that the members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are paying the hotel bill of every Grand Army man in this city this week—also their attendants. [Applause.]

Are there any members of my organization present? [Two-thirds of the people in the hall arise and sing "Let Us Call You Sweetheart."]

Commander in Chief GRATE. Thank you.

Miss GILLIS. I have one more little gift from your Daughters in Alliance, Ohio.

Mrs. LARSON. Miss Gillis, to you from our commander in chief comes two packages. You hold two jobs, and therefore two gifts.

Miss GILLIS. It pays to hold two jobs. To my commander in chief I want to say "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart. I have received many gifts at this encampment, but nothing that will be cherished like these gifts from you.

Commander in chief GRATE. I hope that you will think of me.

Miss GILLIS. I certainly will think of you as long as I live.

Commander in chief GRATE. Thank you.

Judge DAY. We are yet to hear from one other lady, but now we change from the charming side of the human race to a mere man—a

man, however, that I am happy to present. He is commander in chief of my own organization, the Sons of Union Veterans, and I am happy to have the privilege of presenting to you our national commander, Neil D. Cranmer.

Mr. CRANMER. Brother Chairman, I am happy that I am able to use the words "Brother Chairman" instead of "Mr. Chairman," because we are deeply honored in having you, as you have already told us, in the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in chief Grate of the Grand Army of the Republic, your comrades, heads of the national organizations, sisters and brothers, and friends all, I attended my first national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Rochester, N. Y., in 1911. In the National encampment parade that year 25,000 men marched. It took all day, from early morning till night, for the lines to pass. But the ranks are reduced, as you know, to only five present at this encampment.

It would take more words than can be found in the dictionary, more volumes than can be found in all the libraries of the land, to pay adequate tribute to these Boys in Blue for their daring deeds and their noble sacrifices. You comrades of the Grand Army are the ones who removed that dark page from American history—Negro slavery. You are the ones who, please God, for all time preserved this constitutional union.

And then we remember that after the war you made America the great Nation that it is, agriculturally and industrially. But more than that, and beyond that, you inculcated patriotism in the hearts of the youth of America, so it made it possible for us to go into the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II and win wonderful victories.

We as Sons of Union Veterans, mindful of the obligation that we took at our altar, are presenting to you tonight a check (\$500) to carry on the work and maintain the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in presenting this check on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I just want to quote a few lines from one of the great hymns of America:

Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, living still,
We will be true to thee till death.

From the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this check.

Miss GILLIS. Neil, here is your gift from the commander in chief.

Mr. CRANMER. Thank you so much, Commander in Chief Grate, for this gift, and I shall treasure it always.

Judge DAY. Now again we return to the charming side of life, another one of our visiting national presidents, who will present the greetings of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National President Mrs. Edna S. Lambert:

Mrs. LAMBERT. Judge Day, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Comrade Grate, your comrades who are here with you this evening, members of all the organizations, and friends; it gives me a great deal of pleasure to stand here this evening as the national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of

the Civil War and to extend to Commander in Chief Grate and his comrades the greetings of my organization.

As we review the history of our country, as we realize the blessings which are ours, as we live and enjoy the freedom of a United States, as we are secure in the knowledge that this country of ours is the finest country in the world today, we bow in humble gratitude to these comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who believed in those ideals and principles to the extent that they were willing to sacrifice their life if necessary that we might have such a United States.

We have had for several years the privilege of having many comrades to lend inspiration to our every duty that we might do, to give us encouragement to be truly American citizens. And so as our organizations grow older our responsibilities grow greater until the time arrives when it will be your responsibility and mine to see that these comrades and all that they have given to us will never be forgotten.

As the national president of my organization I am privileged to bring to Commander in Chief Grate tonight for the Grand Army of the Republic our usual love token. We are endeavoring to carry out their ideals and principles, so we give to them our loyal support. Commander in Chief Grate, this is for the Grand Army of the Republic, with all the love and respect of every member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Check for \$500.]

Commander in Chief GRATE. I thank you.

Miss GILLIS. Last but not least, Edna, your gift from the commander in chief.

Mrs. LAMBERT. My sincere thanks to Commander in Chief Grate. The gift I shall cherish always. The thought behind the gift will be one of the finest memories of my year as national president. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Thank you very much, ladies and Commander Cranmer. You know you go along in life and you meet many surprises. I have had one at this convention. I have had the privilege of listening to a great speaker, truly a great speaker, and he comes from the ranks of the GAR, one of the comrades, a past national commander in chief, the present chaplain in chief, Comrade Rownd.

Chaplain in Chief Rownd. Mr. Chairman, this has taken me by complete surprise. I was not informed that I was to make any remarks tonight. I want you to know that I am 100-percent American. [Applause.] I am 100 percent for the United States of America. I am 100 percent for the Constitution of the United States. I am 100 percent for the Grand Army of the Republic. I am 100 percent for these splendid organizations consisting of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans. You have seen demonstrated here tonight the loyalty of the women who have supported and carried on the Grand Army of the Republic, and had it not been for their generosity and their sweet spirit, their love, their sympathy, the Grand Army of the Republic would not have been represented here tonight. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Thank you. And I want you to know, Past Commander in Chief Rownd, that every one of us here is 100 percent for you and your comrades. [Applause.]

Major Santelmann, are you ready?

(Major Santelmann then sang, accompanied by the band, Old Soldiers Never Die, and the Marines' song, Halls of Montezuma, both numbers being roundly applauded by the audience.)

Judge DAY. Major Santelmann, members of the United States Marine Corps Band, I know I voice the sentiment of every person interested in and in attendance at this Eighty-first Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic when I say we are deeply grateful for your presence here. You have made a tremendous contribution to the success of our encampment.

We have reached the close of our program this evening, the semi-official meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic. We will conclude with the benediction by Rev. G. A. Robb. You will be interested to know that he is the assistant pastor of the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church. After the benediction there will be taps by the United States Marine Corps Band.

Reverend Mr. ROBB. May God bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

(Taps—United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. Thank you for your presence. You are dismissed.
[10 p. m.]

CAMPFIRE HELD IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF HOTEL
CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WEDNESDAY EVEN-
ING, AUGUST 13, 1947, 8 P. M.

Judge Arthur H. Day, general chairman, presiding.
(Music—United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY (8:25 p. m.). Major Santelmann, gentlemen of the United States Marine Corps Band, we are deeply indebted to you. We cannot begin to express how much we appreciate your presence here during the eighty-first encampment of the GAR. You have certainly made a tremendous contribution. May I not call upon all of you to give the major and his band a great, big hand? [Applause.]

The associate pastor of Epworth Memorial Church, Rev. Mark L. Brown, will pronounce the invocation.

Reverend Mr. BROWN. May we bow in prayer? O Lord, our God, who hast cast our lot in pleasant places, we praise Thee for our goodly heritage in this land of the free and the home of the brave. We invoke Thy blessing upon this campfire, upon the old comrades. And we pray that we may remember the sacrifice and the patriotism of those who shed the sweet blood of youth that this Nation might endure united and equal. And we pray that as we meet this evening to commemorate this campfire that we may hold in memory those who lighted the campfires in the past and that they may burn as beacons to guide us and our Nation to new paths of glory and peace. May we as united citizens love mercy and stand uprightly before Thee. This we pray in Thy name. Amen.

Judge DAY. I am going to ask you to all stand and repeat the pledge of allegiance to our flag and our country. [Pledge of allegiance given.] I can imagine nothing more unnecessary for a presiding officer in this presence than to call upon the audience to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. It seemed to me that I was not the leader, but led. Indeed, I was glad to hear the manner in which you repeated that pledge of allegiance.

We have been extremely fortunate in having procured two notable artists for this evening. Those of you living within range of the radio voice of WGAR will fully realize it when I pronounce their names. We are to be favored by a solo by Reg Merridew, who will be accompanied by Henry Pildner. Mr. Merridew will sing The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground. He wanted me to emphasize that he is singing that song by request. The second song that he will sing is Tenting Tonight—certainly a favorite with this crowd. Mr. Merridew.

(Mr. Merridew sang the numbers announced, and the audience gave him hearty applause. As an encore he sang The Battle Hymn of the Republic.)

Judge DAY. Thank you very much, Reg Merridew and Henry Pildner. Will you convey our respects to your radio station and tell them that we appreciate your presence very much? You will hear more from him over WGAR.

My comrades, my sisters, my brothers, and our guests here this evening for our campfire night, I am extremely proud and happy to have the privilege of presenting to you a gentleman great from the standpoint of his heritage, great in his own right, and peculiarly as a member of the legal profession, because I think of him as one of the leading lawyers of the United States. It is my happy privilege to present him. I would like to hear from him but he said "No." His brother is going to take part in the program, so he will just take a bow. But as he is my senior and I respect his authority, I am going to comply with his wishes, regretfully. I have the privilege of presenting to you a former Secretary of the Interior who served in the Cabinet of the never-to-be-forgotten Theodore Roosevelt, and a man who is the son, steeped in the finest heritage of America, coming as it does from his father, who was a general in the Union forces during the Civil War, and a President of the United States. It is my happy privilege to present Mr. James R. Garfield. [Applause.]

Now I have a tremendous treat for you. Again I state, a man who has made a mark in his own right, an internationally known architect, a splendid gentleman, with the same heritage as the man that I had the privilege of just presenting to you, for he, too, is the son of a Union general and a former President, a martyred President of the United States of America, our speaker, Mr. Abram Garfield. [Applause.]

Mr. GARFIELD. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, and especially our honored guests, old friends, what little I have to say this evening is for our benefit—I mean yours and mine. We cannot tell these gentlemen on our left, these old comrades, anything about the Civil War. You don't need to be told anything about the Civil War. Nevertheless, I am going to talk about it a little, because in the face of two great wars that have gone over us in the past 30 years it is in my mind that we must not forget in some respects the greatest war that we American people have ever had to endure. It was not like the more recent wars.

But before saying that I want to get in one word. You have been through great encampments. You have been to encampments where all that was necessary was to have this regiment and that regiment get together at some point. I can remember hearing of the large number from this and that regiment present. You have been to many of these encampments. Although some may feel that this is getting toward the last of them, I feel sure that you are going to other encampments after this time.

Will you permit a slight personal memory of mine? When I was a young boy—a young man—an uncle of mine who was about the same age as these friends on my left who, if he were living would be 106 now, who remained in the nineties as young as they are, used to tell us about the Civil War a great deal. When we were young boys we liked the stories very much and as we grew older we used to ask for them again. And finally he said: "Boys, I have told so many lies that I cannot tell now which ones were true and which ones were lies."

I don't imagine that these old gentlemen on my left have ever done such a thing as that. But my uncle was a very young man when he was up in the nineties.

There is just one incident that might entertain you a little. He was in the war for 5 years and he wound up down in Texas, and he was in an Army camp. He was a captain at that time. The commandant of the camp had word from Washington, just as they do nowadays, saying: "Please make an accounting of all material that you have there which has been collected since the war." The commandant considered the subject awhile, sat down at his desk, and then he arose and said: "Captain Rudolph, will you please gather together everything that is here and put it in a pile? Will you get tar barrels and pour over the pile? Then will you get a torch and light the tar and the overcoats and saddles and shoes and caps and all these things, and I think I will be able to make a more successful accounting of what is here than before." Now I don't know, I am not so sure that that was a rather good way of balancing the account after the war. We have heard a good deal recently along that same line.

What little I have to say this evening is in the face of these two great wars that we have recently been through. They were so different. I don't think this younger audience knows it, but you know it. There is a memory of that war which remains in your minds.

There was a romance about it that is hard to apply to most wars. It was so different. You gentlemen never had any trucks, you had no machine guns, you had not a dozen other things that we have heard about in the last years. But some might think that, because of that, the men of the Civil War had an easy time. We should remember that in many of the battles in which you fought there were 10,000 casualties on each side. That was no uncommon number. It may be that the tactics of that time had something to do with that.

This is something that I have heard. I am not quite sure of it, but it is reasonably exact today. While the rifles and ammunition were better in 1861 to 1865 than they had been 40 or 50 or 75 years before, but the tactics remained a good deal the same. It was customary to make a charge against the enemy to arrive at some point we will say 75 yards away. They would stop and exchange volleys and then the attacking force would fix bayonets and charge the enemy. That was done quite successfully in the early days and in the early wars. But the new weapons were too quick for that—no such weapons as we have today. With the new weapons the defending side could load and fire before the opposing side could arrive. I have read the figure—those frontal attacks almost always failed—that only one out of seven succeeded. That is one reason why the war was such a severe one in casualties.

Today a truck will take you forward, but then you had to march on foot. Now marching on foot has to be done to a certain extent daily, but marching on foot to the extent that you did was a very urgent thing. You went forward and back and again forward—always forward—across Kentucky and Tennessee, in the same way that some of you went forward and back and forward again across Virginia—always on foot.

Some of you marched to Pittsburg Landing, and marched from there to Vicksburg. Some of you may have had boats on the river, but most of you walked. Some of you marched from Vicksburg back

to Chattanooga where you cleaned up Missionary Ridge. These things are not all known by so many of us who are somewhat younger than these friends of ours on my left.

You marched back to Chattanooga and cleaned up Missionary Ridge. Then we started. We went to Atlanta, men that had marched all the way through Kentucky. You went from Atlanta to the sea. That was easier. That has been more talked about, more sung about. It has been more frequently before us. But you marched on foot. You marched all the way north as the general unit remained in Virginia. That foot marching was hard, but you did it, and you did it successfully. Any army could be delighted to have accomplished such a feat.

It is not easy to go into an enemy country. It has been tried. Charles of Sweden tried and failed. Napoleon tried and failed. Others tried and failed. There were no roads, no bridges. Bridges had to be rebuilt always. Sherman did it. He marched into the enemy country, went all through that country, and back north again with the success that we know about. That was an achievement to remember—those who forget something about the Civil War, the War of the Rebellion. The War Between the States some people like to call it. I don't like it very well myself.

There is a curious comparison comes to my mind just now. You have an analogy in what we are going through today. The North and South were friendly people. The South grew to the point where it had what we call a peculiar institution. Russia and the United States have been friendly people. Russia has today what they call a new ideology. We don't care for that ideology. We didn't care for that peculiar institution of the South. Each side—well, I won't go on much further with that.

There is another little similarity. The North was industrial, the South was agricultural. The United States is industrial, Russia agricultural. The North had many people who were disgruntled and either lazy or frightened in those days. We now still have groups of people who are disgruntled and for whose bravery we have no great respect. However, not to carry the analogy too far, it just occurred to me there was some curious similarity in this situation and that of the North and the South of 10 years before the war.

In closing, I wish to say one more word. Awhile ago I spoke of the romance of the war. There are two people outstanding above all others. One was Robert E. Lee. He was a great general. He gave the North many bitter defeats in battle. He is the hero of the South, but I don't think he represented all the South.

The North looks for its romance to Abraham Lincoln. I cannot speak about Abraham Lincoln, but he is a sad, humorous man, not thoughtful only of the North, but the friend of the North and South besides.

That is about all I want to say. Just refer back to the names of other veterans' organizations and soldiers in the last half century—the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the doughboys, and now the GI's. They are all our buddies. They all have fine names, but there is no name that was ever thought of quite equal to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Thank you very, very much, Mr. Garfield. We appreciate that message so very much. Alongside of every worth-while man, with very few exceptions, there is always, a very lovely, worth-

while American woman, and it is my privilege to present to you Mrs. Abram Garfield at this time. [Applause.]

Now I have noticed back there in the rear of the room a little group that is beginning to mean more and more as time goes on. I don't know of any group that is more capable and able to follow the precepts of these grand veterans of the GAR. I saw them in our parade this morning. I see them here now, wearing their country's uniform, and I am going to ask them if they won't stand up in a body and take a bow—the United Spanish War Veterans. [Applause.] Thank you, comrades, for participating in our encampment. We appreciate it more than we can express.

Now we come to a good part of the program that I know you are all anxious to participate in. I notice on the program there is noted, "Reminiscences by comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic." I don't know how these comrades are standing it. I don't see how they have gone through this weltering period that we have had. I know myself if it had not been for the assistance of Mrs. Day I would not have made it—at least with a clean shirt. I am astonished at the way these comrades have carried on and participated in this encampment by lending their presence on all occasions. So I am going to ask them to say whatever they wish to say. If they don't feel equal to saying anything, I am sure that is all right with us. But if they do feel equal to saying something, believe me, we are all glad to hear what that is. I am going to hold this program up just a little bit because there is a photograph being taken. I wanted to call on the commander in chief first.

So, Commander in Chief Grate, what would you like to say to your comrades and to your sons, to your daughters, and to your fellow Americans? Here is your chance. You can bawl them out or do anything you want to.

(Photograph taken, and the commander in chief salutes the audience.)

Judge Day. Yes; he said a mouthful. Any time you get a salute from a man like that you are really getting something better than words.

And now to the oldest comrade of them all. Of course you all know where these comrades are from. We are proud to remember that the commander in chief comes from Atwater, Ohio. And I know that you people from Missouri and the rest of the Middle West are very proud of the fact that Comrade William Osborn comes from Joplin, Mo.

Comrade OSBORN. Mr. Chairman, friends, and neighbors, I have no great speech to give you at this hour, but I feel like I was at home, that we are not strangers and that I am not a stranger to you.

I think of the Jew who asked the Savior when he was on earth, "Good Master, what is the greatest commandment?" Jesus answered and said: "The first is that you love the Lord, thy God, with all thy soul and strength; and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself." On the strength of that I just wish to say that I love my neighbors.

We are quite a ways from our home in Joplin, Mo., but you are all my neighbors, and for that reason I love you and have for the last 50 years. We are a happy family. We are not strangers one to the other. We have been meeting for many years at these encampments

until we have just simply learned to love each other. You are all my neighbors, and I want to say that I am happy that I am able to be here with you and enjoy your wonderful blessing.

And I hope and pray that we may be spared, if it is God's will, that we should meet many more times. It is a wonderful blessing for all who can and will attend.

I wish you all well. I hope we may live to enjoy each other's company, because we are a happy and joyous family. I bid you good-night. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. Truly wonderful, isn't it? There are two letters here that have been received by the commander in chief, and he has asked me to read them in his behalf.

Mr. JOHN H. GRATE,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMMANDER GRATE: I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to attend the Eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Cleveland beginning August 10. It was most thoughtful of you to include me again in your plans for this year's meeting.

However, I am to leave early next month on an inspection of United States Army troops and installations in Europe and the Mediterranean area for the War Department. I regret very much, therefore, that I shall be unable to join you.

Again let me thank you for your kindness and wish you a most successful and enjoyable encampment.

Sincerely,

OMAR N. BRADLEY,
General, United States Army.
Administrator, Veterans' Administration.

(Applause.)

Here is one that I know you will all be very happy to hear:

DEAR COMMANDER GRATE: I am very happy to send greetings and good wishes to the Grand Army of the Republic on the occasion of their Eighty-first national encampment. The long history of your meetings is evidence of the zeal and spirit with which you have perpetuated the aims and ideals of your organization.

The passing of the years can never dim the glorious record of those who fought to preserve freedom and unity within our own Nation. In the grave test of two world wars, we have had desperate need of the strength and undivided loyalty which have characterized our national growth during the past four decades.

I hope that your encampment will be a most successful and enjoyable one and that you will have continued opportunity to renew your association.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

Now we will have the privilege of hearing from another one of these comrades that we would honor tonight. And he, too, is from Ohio. He is from Waynesfield, Ohio. Comrade John R. Bennett.

Comrade BENNETT. Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all good people, I am pleased to be here at this meeting. My memory carries me back, away back to when we had a meeting here, and Gen. John A. Logan, of Illinois, rode at the head of the parade. At that time it was estimated that there were 50,000 comrades in line. Today, comrades, that line has dwindled to about how many? Six or eight, I guess. But I am sure pleased to look you in the faces and say that I am happy to be with you for this occasion, and thank you. [Applause.]

Judge DAY. And from our very fine neighboring State of Indiana, Jonesboro, comes that other distinguished comrade of ours, John C. Adams. Comrade Adams. [Applause.]

Comrade ADAMS. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, comrades, I am not going to try to make a speech but I want to tell a little story of my first attempt to stand picket duty. When I enlisted I was between 16 and 17 years of age, and I enlisted as a drummer boy, where I was detailed by the colonel to act as his orderly. I had no picket duty to do, but our company used to go out every 2 or 3 weeks scouting out in the wilds of West Virginia. So I asked if I could go and he said, "Yes." So we went, started about dusk, and went out about 15 or 20 miles and took possession of a house. I was placed on the back porch. I told the sergeant I would stand by the same as the others and he said, "All right." He put me on from 4 to 6. Anybody knows what that means. I borrowed a belt and gun and walked out on the back porch. Nothing happened for quite a while. Finally at just about daybreak I heard a noise. I didn't know what to do. I knew I ought to go in and tell them, but I backed up as near the door as I possibly could. Well, the noise kept coming on. Finally it was a question between my courage and ridicule. I decided to challenge. I hollered, "Who goes there?" Then I heard the sweetest music I ever heard, not excepting the present band—and that is saying a good deal. From out in front came "Eee haw! Eee haw!" [Applause.]

Judge DAY. That makes me feel as if I could tell one now. You know I have had the privilege of hearing voices raised in speech through the length and breadth of this land, and yet it took this encampment to give me the finest impression. When I heard the past commander in chief Sunday come up and, without the use of the microphone, give us a real message, I saved him to make the presentation speech in presenting to his commander in chief the past commander in chief's badge. He is going to be assisted by one of the commander in chief's real sweethearts who lives down in Alliance with Commander in Chief Grate, none other than our own very dear sister, Edith Nile, of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. So now, Comrade Rownd, will you come forward and make the presentation speech?

Comrade ROWND. I have the very great honor in responding to your suggestion, and it is a very great delight that I have the pleasure and honor to present the badge to the commander in chief that was contributed by the hearts and the purses of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Mrs. Nile pins badge on breast of the commander in chief and kisses him.]

Judge DAY. The commander in chief has just been presented with a jewel and made a very fitting response to her which I will not attempt to repeat, because I could not make it as good as he did. You witnessed one detail of the way she performed her job, and I am awfully sorry that I am not the commander in chief of the GAR.

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish I could convey to you the happy privilege that has been mine during the course of the past 4 days to serve as your general chairman and to pinch-hit for the commander in chief in the course of these proceedings.

I appear before you this evening with a great deal of trepidation. Why I was really so embarrassed as I came forward is best illustrated when I tell you of an incident that happened back in 1918. One of our comrades was very busy picking seam squirrels out of his shirt. He was being watched in this busy operation by another comrade who finally

said, "Is there anything worse than these seam squirrels?" And the first chap said; "Yes. Imagine if they talked."

It has been a real privilege and pleasure to have been with you during the course of this time. I conclude my duties with a great deal of regret, only by reason of the fact that I have made many new friends, many old friends, and feel that I know all of you. I appreciate that most of you I probably will never see again. It seemed as though when you came into our city I knew you, but I know you better now.

Sometimes in my work in the courts of this great city I become somewhat discouraged as the result of what seemed to be the breakdown of our modern civilization. But when I have noticed this great cross-section of American manhood, and especially of American womanhood, when I realized what you represent by way of your own individual efforts during the course of the years and every day, what you represent by way of heritage, well this buoys me up in the thought that America will always be the America that these grand old veterans of the Union forces saved during the course of the Civil War.

I said before this convention the other night, as the result of their efforts and the millions of their comrades and their wives and their mothers, you and I as American people were able to lift our voices in a pledge to the flag and say: "One Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I know in the presence of these fine, grand old men of the GAR, that every one of you leaders from the 48 States and the Territories of this country rededicated themselves in the thought that you will continue the splendid work that you have been engaged in, lo, these many years.

Thank you very much for the privilege that has been mine by reason of your courtesy, and now we conclude our campfire with a benediction. Following the benediction there will be taps by this most outstanding musical organization in the world, the United States Marine Corps Band, led by Major Santelmann. Before we conclude may I ask you, Major, and you gentlemen, if you won't take a bow and accept our hand? [Applause.]

The benediction will be by Rev. Mark L. Brown.

Reverend Mr. BROWN. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before His throne with exceeding joy, the only wise God, be glory and honor, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

(Taps—United States Marine Band.)

Judge DAY. My comrades, brothers, sisters, and guests, you are dismissed. [9:25 p. m.]

[From the Plain Dealer, Monday, August 11, 1947]

THE THIN BLUE LINE

We bespeak the feelings of the people of Greater Cleveland when we say to that little handful of gallant centenarians who yesterday opened what may be the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"From the bottom of our hearts we welcome you. You are no ordinary visitors, and the very best of this city's hospitality we offer you. To you who fought so that this Nation might live, its people free of chattel slavery, we give the full measure of our respect."

So little time remains that we must honor in every way we can before they leave us, the venerable men who are here as symbols of that thin blue line—

the twoscore and seven veterans of the Civil War who are the only surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We must salute them as the heroes they are when they ride in the encampment parade which, beginning at 10 Wednesday morning, proceeds down Euclid Avenue, past the monument on Public Square that stands as a memorial to them and comrades long gone, and along Superior Avenue past the reviewing stand situated between Cleveland Public Library and the Plain Dealer Building. Let the people of this community acclaim these oldest of our veterans then.

We feel confident that all organizations of the later wars into which this Nation was thrust will honor the GAR by turning out, all of them, a color detail for what is likely to be the last procession of its kind this Nation will ever see.

In behalf of a people grateful for the democracy you helped preserve, we humbly salute you, men of the Grand Army of the Republic.

GRAND OLD ARMY OF FIVE LEADS STIRRING PARADE

By Wallace R. Katz

Their eyes had seen the glory, and today their ears heard the plaudits of admiring throngs of a generation that is acquainted with their great adventure in Americanism only through history's textbooks.

There were five of them in Cleveland today, the only five of about a score of survivors of the Union forces of the Civil War who were able to take part in the parade of the Eighty-first Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Once before, 46 years ago, they had marched down Euclid Avenue. In that parade were some 30,000 to 50,000 comrades.

The five rode in open automobiles today and the places of the comrades of 46 years ago were taken by the younger comrades of World Wars I and II, with a sprinkling of the United Spanish War Veterans—the men who carried on in 1898.

It was blistering hot at Euclid Avenue at East Ninth Street, but cool ripples ran along the spines of the massed onlookers as the marines, presenting "company front," stepped out precisely to the inspiring war anthem, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

From crowded office windows came a shower of ticker tape and office stationery torn into confetti. Overhead, nine Army planes roared in salute to the remnants of a great and victorious army that knew no overhead cover.

And in that connection, it should be noted that one member of the veterans' quintet rode the length of the parade without his hat. He was John R. Bennett, 103, of Waynesfield, Ohio, and he waved his hand in acknowledgment of the unbroken stream of applause from the crowd.

It was a spirited procession with plenty of waving banners and stirring martial music.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cleveland motorcycle police, and the department's Mounted Troop A headed the line of march with the 81 men of the United States Marine Corps Band following close behind.

SONS OF VETS ARE AIDES

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans were the official aides to the quintet of GAR survivors, the first of whom to appear in the parade was Commander in Chief John H. Grate, of Atwater, Ohio.

Then came the other comrades, honorary members, and national officers, also riding in automobiles.

More music to enliven the city's tribute to the heroes of the sixties was supplied by fife and drum groups of Spanish-American War Veterans and auxiliary members.

MANY GROUPS REPRESENTED

Marching groups included the United States Army, Navy Reserves, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Army and Navy Union, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Catholic War Veterans, and the AMVETS.

The cars in which GAR comrades rode were pulled alongside the reviewing stand near Cleveland Public Library on Superior Avenue, and the Marine Band countermarched to play for the marching units that had no music of their own.

The veterans will have a campfire program in Hotel Cleveland tonight, but the parade was their principal event of the day.

All the allied organizations devoted the morning to participating in or witnessing the parade.

[From the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Thursday, August 14, 1947]

RECALLS BRAVE SHOW GAR MADE IN PARADE OF 1901

By W. G. Vorpe, Sunday and Feature Editor, Plain Dealer

I stood at front window of my office yesterday morning and watched what will probably be the last parade of the GAR. As jet planes roared overhead my memory brought back vividly the parade of the then-powerful GAR 46 years ago in Cleveland. I was one of the reporters who covered that parade, as well as the encampment, for the Plain Dealer.

It was the most important gathering of many years in this city, and the newspapers turned their entire editorial staffs over to the job. There were fewer men to do the news gathering in that era, and all the editorial workers were on duty from early morning till late at night.

I worked more than 18 hours that day and must have walked 10 miles while that parade was on. I had been detailed to write a feature story of human interest, and the city editor did not provide me with any conveyance except my legs.

The parade of 1901 was made more appealing to the onlooker because the President of the United States, William McKinley, an Ohio man and a member of the GAR, was to have reviewed it from a stand in Public Square. Instead, he was dying in Buffalo from an assassin's bullet, shot down while his former buddies were holding their encampment. The tragedy greatly affected the thousands of old soldiers who marched silently for hours down Euclid Avenue.

LINE OF MARCH THRONDED

For miles that thoroughfare and several others traversed by the marchers were packed with onlookers, and Public Square was a dense throng. Not only all of Cleveland turned out, but thousands came from neighboring counties. Every office and store window along the line was filled with faces, and numerous stands, erected at vantage points, had all the seats taken for a price. It was a sight no one wanted to miss, for it was never again to be seen in Cleveland.

The parade started around 10 in the morning and was nearing its end about 4 p. m. In that line of march were many thousands on foot, squads of cavalry, and batteries with men riding gun carriages, which, drawn by sturdy horses, bounced over the hard pavements. Only a few of the old fighters, crippled or fatigued, rode in the horse-drawn carriages that also bore the distinguished visitors and some of the city officials.

There was no United States Marine Band sent on by an appreciative Government to lead the parade.

Though more than 35 years had passed since these men faced death on southern battlefields they still walked erect, many carrying the rifles they used in the war, some with drawn swords, held upright, others bearing aloft the flags they fought under. There were also many women in the parade, for the Woman's Relief Corps was a large and vital auxiliary of the GAR. There were also many of the Sons of Veterans, an organization then in its prime.

FAR DIFFERENT FROM 1901

It was a marching parade, a long parade, and one far different from that witnessed yesterday over a short section of the line of march in 1901.

There was no auto with loud speakers that rode far ahead of the parade and informed the crowd what was doing all the time. There were no motorcycle police leading the line, just ahead of a small group of mounted police. In that first parade horse-mounted police rode ahead and along the line of several miles.

There were no sleek and gleaming motorcars in which the veterans could ride who yesterday, only a handful, sat, proudly bearing their advanced years, in

front of the reviewing stand as the populace greeted them with cheers and handshakes.

These survivors of the soldier body once so invincible in peace as well as war surely realized the great changes that they have seen in their century of life, changes reflected in the parades of the years.

To me, yesterday's parade brought a note of sadness, for it told me that an organization which grew to great strength in peace after a war to preserve a Nation was nearing its end. The last parade was on. It marked the passing of an era in history.

GENERAL ORDERS
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GENERAL ORDERS
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HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Jamestown, N. Y., September 15, 1946.

- I. Having been elected commander in chief by the Eightieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.
- II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established at 43 Adams Street, Jamestown, N. Y., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.
- III. The following appointments are hereby announced:
Adjutant General, John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.
Quartermaster General, John C. Adams, Room 430, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.
- IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

JOHN H. GRATE, *Commander in Chief.*

JOHN S. DUMSER, *Adjutant General.*

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 2
SERIES OF 1946-1947

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Jamestown, N. Y., November 30, 1946.

- I. At the Eightieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Indianapolis, Ind., August 25 to 30, 1946, the following-named comrades were elected to offices designated:

Commander in chief: John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.
Senior vice commander in chief: Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
Junior vice commander in chief: Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.
Chaplain in chief: Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.
Secretary: Miss Cora E. Gillis, 43 Adams St., Jamestown, N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada: Henry M. Mingay, Glendale, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming: Robert T. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.
Connecticut: Charles Douglass, New Haven, Conn.
Illinois: Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.
Indiana: John F. Smith, Marion, Ind.
Iowa: John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.
Kansas: Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.
Kentucky: Robert Barrett, Sr., Princeton, Ky.
Maine: Zachary T. McLaughlin, Phillips, Maine.
Massachusetts: Charles B. Burt, Springfield, Mass.
Michigan: Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.
Minnesota: Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.
Missouri: Wm. H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.
Nebraska: R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.
New York: James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.
Ohio: John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, Ohio.
Oklahoma: Sylvester S. Patterson, Tonkawa, Okla.
Oregon: Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
Washington and Alaska: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.
Wisconsin: L. A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

- II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief were announced:

Adjutant general: John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.
Quartermaster general: John C. Adams, Jonesboro, Ind.

National patriotic instructor: Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.

National chief of staff: Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.

III. With the approval of the national encampment the national headquarters are established at the home of the Secretary, 43 Adams St., Jamestown, N. Y., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

IV. The executive committee of the national council of administration will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and three members appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following comrades are appointed to serve with the officers named:

Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.

John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Orlando LeValley, Caro, Mich.

V. All requisitions for supplies must be sent to the quartermaster general, John C. Adams, room 430 State Capitol, Indianapolis, Ind., with remittances therefor made payable to the National Grand Army of the Republic.

VI. There seems to have been some misunderstanding about the resolution passed in regard to holding conventions after the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to meet, and it is therefore quoted herewith:

"Realizing that the time is not far off when our encampment will be ended, it is our earnest wish that our allied organizations continue to hold their annual conventions together.

"We therefore ask, that as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, you continue to meet at the same time and place, and suggest that the incoming and outgoing presidents or presiding officers, act as a committee to make the arrangements for future national conventions, when the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to meet."

The only organizations recognized by the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic are the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War.

VII. The following resolution of appreciation was authorized to be prepared by the secretary:

"Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is meeting for the seventh time in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials of the city of Indianapolis for their hospitality; to the Governor of the State of Indiana, Hon. Ralph Gates; to Lt. Gov. Hon. Richard T. James, for his splendid work in connection with this encampment; to the United States veterans' hospital for their able assistance; to the clergymen and others participating in the programs; to the staff of the Murat Theater; to the radio stations, and the press for so graciously publicizing the encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and to the Congress for sending the United States Marine Band to us once more, and we sincerely thank Capt. William F. Santelmann and his boys for their fine programs which we were permitted to enjoy during the week.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Irene Compton and her splendid committees for their work in preparing the programs, and to the Convention Bureau of Indianapolis for sending Mr. Norman Lochner to us."

VIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to the national headquarters, notice of death of all members of the Grand Army of the Republic in their respective departments, with date of death and the military record and Grand Army service for publication in general orders.

IX. At the semiofficial meeting of the Eightieth National Encampment on Monday evening, August 26, 1946, the national encampment received the following gifts for assistance during the year: National Woman's Relief Corps, \$1,500 for the general fund and \$500 for the southern memorial fund; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, \$1,000; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$1,500 for the general fund and \$250 for the southern memorial fund; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500; Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, \$500. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic extend their sincere thanks to the allied orders for their cooperation and their continued efforts to assist.

X. The commander in chief expresses his sincere thanks for the many letters and cards of congratulations received.

XI. Your commander in chief expresses to his comrades his thanks for the confidence you have shown in electing him to this office, and pledges his untiring efforts in the discharge of his duties.

XII. To the national presidents of the Auxiliary and allied organizations the commander in chief extends his wish for a successful and happy year.

XIII. Death has again entered our midst and taken from us two of our past commanders in chief; George H. Jones, who passed away the week before the opening of our encampment, and Isaac W. Sharp, who was called home on November 10. The sincere sympathy of the entire Grand Army organization is extended to the families of these two comrades.

XIV. As we approach the holiday season may we not forget to offer thanks for the blessings we have received and the opportunity to live in a country where we may live and worship according to our own desires.

By command of

JOHN H. GRATE,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN S. DUMSER, *Adjutant General.*

IN MEMORIAM

George H. Jones, past commander in chief, died at the veterans' hospital in Togus, Maine, August 19, 1946, and was buried at Oxford, Maine, his former home, on August 21, with full military honors.

Comrade Jones was born on February 2, 1849, and enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Maine Volunteer Infantry, as a musician, and served to the close of the war. He served as department commander in 1940-41 and again succeeded to the office on the death of Commander Stuart. In September 1943 at Milwaukee, Wis., he was elected commander in chief, and presided at Des Moines, Iowa.

Although his health has been poor for some time, still his death came as a shock to his many comrades when they arrived in Indianapolis. Comrade Jones was the only veteran in Maine ever to hold the office of commander in chief, and his administration was a credit to the State of Maine.

Isaac W. Sharp, past commander in chief, passed away at his home in Warsaw, Ind., Sunday evening, November 10, after being confined to his home for over a year. Born near Troy, Ohio, on March 9, 1848, he attended the county schools there and just before his sixteenth birthday he enlisted in Troop G, First Ohio Cavalry, on February 23, 1864, serving until September 10, 1865. After returning from the war he again entered his school, preparing to be a teacher. He taught in Ohio in various places for many years and in 1888 moved to Warsaw, Ind., where he ended a teaching career of 42 years' duration. In 1870 Mr. Sharp married Martha Burditt, also a teacher, who passed away in 1924. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for over 60 years, serving as department commander of Indiana from 1942 until his election as commander in chief in 1944 in Des Moines, Iowa. He presided at his encampment in Columbus, Ohio, in 1945, but since that time has been confined to his home. Full military honors were given to him at the funeral, the American Legion Post of Warsaw supplying a guard of honor and firing squad. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery at Warsaw.

The sincere sympathy of the Grand Army of the Republic is extended to the two daughters who survive, Miss Frances Sharp and Mrs. Ola Sloane, of Warsaw, Ind.

In the passing of Comrade Sharp the Grand Army of the Republic has lost a member whose first interest was his organization, a man respected and loved by all who knew him.

MICHIGAN

Comrade Martin A. Loop, junior vice department commander, passed away on September 17, 1946, at the age of 103. He enlisted as a corporal in Company A, Seventeenth Michigan Infantry on August 6, 1862, and was discharged in January 1865. For more than 50 years he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in the State of Michigan.

OHIO

Comrade Lewis Heiston passed away at his home in Pleasantville, Ohio, at the age of 98. He enlisted in January 1865, after twice being rejected because he was

only 14. He served with Company A, One Hundred Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was a past department commander of Ohio, serving in 1944.

Comrade Hiram Conrad passed away at his home in Alliance, Ohio. His military record will be listed in the next general order.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Comrade Jacob Cheadle, of Olympia, Wash., and John J. Keyser, of Spokane, Wash., answered the last roll call since the last encampment. Full military records will be included in the next general orders.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
43 Adams St., Jamestown, N. Y., April 5, 1947.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 3

Series of 1946-47

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Friday, May 30, 1947, will be observed as Memorial Day.

II. The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has been observed as Memorial Sunday for many years. This year Sunday, May 25, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. It is hoped that some of the comrades may be able to attend this service.

III. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public exercises on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

General Order

No. 11

I. The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and tasks of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dis-honor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor

of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that Nation, or any Nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met in a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

IV. Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 11th, this year and it is hoped that proper tribute will be paid to the Mothers of the men who have given their lives in all wars.

V. Flag Day will be observed on June 14, as usual. Departments who are holding their annual encampments at that time are urged to have some special service on this day.

VI. The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary and affiliated organizations will meet in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, the week of August 10 to 14. Much time has been spent this year in an endeavor to secure an encampment city and your commander in chief will be very glad to welcome you to his native state of Ohio. This is the first time the encampment has met in Cleveland since 1901 and the city of Cleveland is preparing to welcome you with open arms. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps will be established in the Hotel Cleveland. Further information will be given in the next general orders.

VII. Correction: In General Order No. 2 we announced the death of Comrade Jacob Cheadle, of Olympia, Wash., as this information had been given to us in error. We are very happy to state that Comrade Cheadle is very much alive and we hope he will be with us for many years.

By command of

JOHN H. GRATE,
Commander in Chief.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Oliver Haney passed away December 29, 1946, at the age of 101. He was born in Pennsylvania and enlisted in Company G, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving for the duration of the war. At the time of his death

he was commander of John F. Godfrey Post No. 93, which office he had held for several years.

Comrade Parker Gordon passed away December 5, 1946, at the age of 99. He enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry at the age of 16, serving first as a drummer boy. He was a member of post at Long Beach at the time of his death.

ILLINOIS

Comrade William Perry Lockwood, past national chief of staff and past department commander, passed away on January 24, 2 months before his one-hundredth birthday. He was born in Eaton, Ohio, and at the age of 17 enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, serving in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was the last surviving member of Post No. 414, and at the time of his death was serving as department senior vice commander. For 63 years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Comrade Theodore Witte passed away at the Dayton Veterans' Facility in February 1947. He served in Company F, Fortieth Missouri Infantry and was discharged August 8, 1835. At the time of his death he was acting as assistant adjutant general of the Department of Illinois.

INDIANA

Comrade John F. Smith, past department commander, passed away February 25, at his home in Marion, aged 104. He served as a private in Company L, Ninth Illinois Cavalry.

IOWA

Comrade John Gudgel, department commander, died in office, March 22, at the age of 99. He was born at Dayton, Ohio, and enlisted as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Infantry, moving to Shenandoah, Iowa, in 1874. His father also served in an Illinois regiment. At the time of his death Comrade Gudgel was serving as a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration.

Comrade Robert A. Millen, assistant adjutant general, passed away January 4, just 1 week before his one-hundredth birthday. He served as a private in Company A, Thirty-third Iowa Infantry and Company A, Thirty-fourth/Thirty-eighth Iowa Consolidated Infantry.

KANSAS

Rev. Newton J. Lott, passed away in the fall of 1946 at his home in McPherson, Kans., at the age of 99.

MICHIGAN

Comrade Cyrus Perrigo, senior vice department commander, died in office, December 9, 1946, at the age of 101 years. He was born in New Jersey, moving to Michigan at the age of 5. He enlisted at the age of 18 in Company I, First Michigan Sharpshooters, serving for 3 years. He participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C. and was mustered out at Delaney House, District of Columbia, on July 28, 1865.

Comrade Oscar Mott, assistant adjutant general, died in office on January 16, 1947, aged 101. He enlisted on January 5, 1864, in Company F, Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Infantry, transferring to Company E, Twelfth Wisconsin and was discharged August 16, 1866. At the time of his death he was the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic in southern Michigan.

MINNESOTA

Comrade Reuben S. Hurd, department junior vice commander and chaplain, died in office October 10, 1946. Born at Sangate, Vt., he enlisted as a private in Company A, Tenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry and transferred to Company A, Fifth Vermont Infantry. He was mustered out at Burlington, Vt., June 29, 1865.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Richard E. Coleman, department commander, died in office March 16, 1947. He enlisted as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry on May 23, 1864, and was discharged on October 22, 1864. He moved to Nebraska in 1875 from Pickneyville, Ill. He attended the national

encampment in 1942 and was one of the three men who made the march through the streets of Indianapolis at that time. He held the office of department commander since 1943.

Comrade Lewis B. Musselman, passed away October 12, 1946. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighth Illinois Infantry on August 8, 1862, and was discharged August 5, 1865, serving as a sergeant.

OKLAHOMA

Comrade Adam Riley passed away December 31, 1946, at an age estimated as 108. He was a member of Company E, Seventy-ninth U. S. C. Infantry. His home was at Chelsea, Okla.

Comrade Merritt P. Wheeler passed away November 7 at the age of 100. He was born in Medina, N. Y., and at the time of his death was living in Pawhuska, Okla.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade Winfield Scott, M. D., passed away at his home in Marion Center on September 11, 1946, at the age of 98.

Comrade Henry Doll passed away February 8, 1947, at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital at the age of 98. He enlisted in the Navy and served on the flagship *Portsmouth* under Admiral Farragut and was a member of the crew of the U. S. S. *Brooklyn*. He was discharged September 11, 1867.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Comrade John J. Keyser passed away at the age of 101 on November 10, 1946, at Spokane, Wash. He enlisted in the Kentucky Thirty-fifth Volunteers and was the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Spokane.

"Taps are sounded, lights out,
The soldier sleeps."

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 4
SERIES OF 1946-47

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
43 Adams Street, Jamestown, N. Y., July 10, 1947.

I. The Eighty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 10 to 14, 1947. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in Hotel Cleveland.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment will be furnished on arrival in Cleveland. Cleveland is on eastern standard time.

III. Judge Arthur H. Day will act as chairman of the encampment committee, with Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, acting as secretary to the committee. Requests for information should be addressed to Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, 355 Leader Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

IV. National headquarters will be temporarily established at Hotel Cleveland on August 8.

V. Patriotic services will be held in all churches in the city of Cleveland Sunday morning, August 10.

VI. The memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic will be conducted Sunday afternoon, August 10, at 2:30, in the grand ballroom of Hotel Cleveland.

VII. The committee on credentials will meet Monday at 10 a. m. in the east room, mezzanine floor, Hotel Cleveland.

VIII. The following comrades are appointed on the credential committee, with Mrs. Grace Darling, department secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Maine acting as assistant secretary: John S. Dumser, adjutant general, chairman; John R. Bennett, assistant adjutant general, Ohio; James P. Martin, department commander, Iowa.

IX. The national council of administration will meet at 1 p. m. on Monday in national headquarters.

X. Comrades Robert M. Rownd and Orlando LeValley will audit the books of the quartermaster general and report to the council of administration at their meeting August 11.

XI. The semiofficial meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Tuesday evening, August 12 at 8 in the music hall of the Public Auditorium.

XII. Monday evening, August 11, a reception will be tendered the commander in chief John H. Grate and staff in the ballroom of Hotel Cleveland.

XIII. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place Wednesday morning at 10. The line of march will be announced later.

XIV. Department commanders are reminded that by action of the national encampment women, children, and civilians (except in band and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the Grand Army parade. Also by order of the national encampment all caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort, will be excluded from the parade.

XV. The first business session of the encampment will convene Wednesday, August 13 at 1:30 for the purpose of receiving greetings committees.

XVI. Wednesday, August 13 at 8 the annual campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the grand ballroom of Hotel Cleveland.

XVII. The national headquarters of the Auxiliary and allied orders will be located as follows: Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Cleveland; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hotel Statler; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Allerton Hotel; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hollenden Hotel; Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hollenden Hotel.

XVIII. The following committee is appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of past commander in chief Isaac W. Sharp:

Robert M. Rownd, past commander in chief, New York.

John C. Adams, quartermaster general, Indiana.

Hiram H. Shumate, chief of staff, Illinois.

XIX. Departments are again reminded that the only organizations recognized by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic are as follows, and should be arranged in official programs in this manner: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XX. No person is allowed to represent themselves as the acting commander of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as has been done in some States this past year. No person can act as commander, even though the post was still in existence, except a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

XXI. All mail for national headquarters should be sent to Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, after August 7.

XXII. The commander in chief wishes to express his appreciation for the many courtesies extended to him, also the gifts and cards, and to wish for the heads of the allied organizations harmonious and constructive conventions.

By command of,

JOHN H. GRATE
Commander in chief.

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Henry M. Mingay, past department commander, passed away April 22, 1947, at the National Military Home in West Los Angeles, at the age of 100 years. He came to this country from England at the age of 3 and enlisted in Company D, Sixty-ninth New York Infantry. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic when it was first organized and served as commander in Penn Yan, N. Y., Canyon City, Colo., Monrovia and Glendale Posts in California. He will be sadly missed by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade Hiram Hunkins passed away at his home on March 4, 1947, at the age of 102 years.

MASSACHUSETTS

Comrade Charles Burt, department commander, died in office June 27. He served in Company H, Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, and had been Department Commander since 1944. He was the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Massachusetts.

MISSOURI

Comrade Robert C. Elder, passed away December 8, 1946, near Walker, Mo., at the age of 102. He enlisted as a private in Company H, Sixth Missouri Regiment, Second Division, First Brigade, and served 15 months.

NEBRASKA

Comrade William H. Fetters passed away May 19, 1947.

NEW YORK

Comrade Jacob Lester, senior vice department commander, passed away on June 28, at the age of 100. He enlisted September 17, 1863, at the age of 16, as a private, and was mustered out on July 20, 1865, with the rank of Corporal. He reenlisted in 1870 and served in the Territory of Dakota until February 3, 1897, when he retired.

Comrade Joseph Chisam, senior vice department commander, died in office, at the age of 102 years, at his home in Rome, N. Y.

OHIO

Comrade Frederick Pfeister, Past Department Commander, passed away on March 31 at his home in Cincinnati. He served in Company B, One Hundred Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was elected department commander in 1938 and served as a member of the council for many years.

OKLAHOMA

Comrade Albert Ray, a member of the Department of Oklahoma, passed away recently at his home in Hinton, Okla.

"They have taken their last long journey, to that beautiful home above."



In Memoriam



ISAAC W. SHARP
PAST CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

In Memoriam

ISAAC W. SHARP, PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Comrade Isaac W. Sharp, past commander in chief and past adjutant general, passed away at his home in Warsaw, Ind., on November 10, 1946, after a long illness. Born near Troy, Ohio, on March 9, 1848, he attended the county schools there and just before his sixteenth birthday he enlisted in Troop G, First Ohio Cavalry on February 23, 1864, serving until September 10, 1865.

After returning from the war he again entered his school, preparing to be a teacher. He taught in Ohio in various places for many years and in 1888 moved to Warsaw, Ind., where he ended a teaching career of 42 years' duration. In 1870 he married Martha Burditt, also a teacher, who passed away in 1924.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for over 60 years, serving as department commander of Indiana from 1942 until his election as commander in chief in 1944 in Des Moines, Iowa.

He was a devoted member of our organization, a thorough Christian gentleman, and is greatly missed by his comrades; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Eighty-first National Encampment and published in the journal of this encampment.

ROBERT M. ROWND, *Chaplain in Chief.*

JOHN C. ADAMS, *Quartermaster General.*

HIRAM H. SHUMATE, *National Chief of Staff.*

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
Surgeon general-----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
Adjutant general ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
Quartermaster general-----	AUGUST WILLICH, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general-----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general ¹ -----	NORMAN P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
Quartermaster general-----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
Inspector general ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers are now appointed.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

Commander in chief-----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
Senior vice commander in chief-----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
Junior vice commander in chief-----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
Surgeon general-----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
Chaplain in chief-----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
Adjutant general ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
Quartermaster general ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
Inspector general ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
Judge advocate general-----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

- SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, ² New York. MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNahan, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNahan, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 408,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	TIAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAIN, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i>	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	THAD S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i>	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i>	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	<i>JAMES A. SEXTON</i> , ³ Illinois. <i>W. C. JOHNSON</i> , Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	<i>W. C. JOHNSON</i> , Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>DANIEL ROSS</i> , Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	<i>DANIEL ROSS</i> , Delaware.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	<i>A. S. PIERCE</i> , Nebraska.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	<i>Rev. DANIEL LUCAS</i> , Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	<i>THOMAS J. STEWART</i> , Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	<i>FRED W. SPINK</i> , Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	<i>ALONZO WILLIAMS</i> , Rhode Island.

³ Died in office.

**THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	<i>ALBERT D. SHAW</i> , New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>IRVIN ROBBINS</i> , Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>MICHAEL MINTON</i> , Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	<i>WILLIAM H. BAKER</i> , Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	<i>Rev. JACOB L. GRIMM</i> , Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	<i>THOMAS J. STEWART</i> , Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	<i>EDWARD J. ATKINSON</i> , New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	<i>NATHAN P. POND</i> , New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	<i>ELL TORRANCE</i> , Minnesota.

**THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL.,
AUGUST 29, 30, 1900**

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	<i>LEO RASSIEUR</i> , Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>E. C. MILLIKEN</i> , Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>FRANK SEAMAN</i> , Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	<i>JOHN A. WILKINS</i> , Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	<i>Rev. AUG. DRAHMS</i> , California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	<i>FRANK M. STERRETT</i> , Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	<i>CHARLES BURROWS</i> , New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	<i>HENRY S. PECK</i> , Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	<i>JAMES H. WOLFF</i> , Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	<i>ELL TORRANCE</i> , Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>JOHN McELROY</i> , Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	<i>JAMES O'DONNELL</i> , Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	<i>WILLIAM R. THRALL</i> , Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	<i>Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE</i> , Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	<i>SILAS H. TOWLER</i> , Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	<i>CHARLES BURROWS</i> , New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	<i>W. A. WETHERBEE</i> , Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	<i>HENRY M. DUFFIELD</i> , Michigan.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSEY, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	<i>WILMON W. BLACKMAR</i> , ³ Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rt. Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i>	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i>	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. McCRAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine. A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

⁴ Resigned.

**FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas. OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan. W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

³ Died in office.

**FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915**

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

**FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28
TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Members, 140,074.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG.,
AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENCE E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio.
Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ¹ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

¹ Died in office.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	DR. M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DR. LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SABLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	DR. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. MCKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, ² Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

² Died in office.

**SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926**

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i>	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ³ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ² Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i>	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

² Died in office.

³ Resigned.

**SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927**

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928**

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i>	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i>	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929**

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	WILFRED A. WEATHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930**

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	JAMES E. JEWELL, Fort Morgan, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutants general</i>	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i>	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i>	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i>	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	Rev. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i>	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i>	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

**SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932**

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill. RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. Minn.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACOCK, ³ Minneapolis. EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 12-18, 1934**

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MR. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

**SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

**SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeons general</i> -----	{ Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ³ Gallipolis, Ohio. Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ MARTIN V. STONE, ³ Jamestown, N. Y. JOSIAH C. READ, ³ New York, N. Y. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ³ Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN E. ANDREWS, ³ Quincy, Ill. A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa. W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans. WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ³ Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ JAMES W. WILLETT, ³ Tama, Iowa. T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

³ Died in office.

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster generals</i> -----	{ A. C. EASTABROOK, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ ASA O. GERE, ³ Stafford, Kans. T. A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1941

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 763.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. GAY, Nashua, N. H.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS H. EASTERLY, Gunnison, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. GREEN, ³ Jamaica Plain, Mass. JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Mass.

SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942

Headquarters established at Oakland, Calif. Membership, 518.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. PERRY, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 1943

Headquarters established at Augusta, Maine; later moved to Portland, Maine. Membership, 393.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. JONES, Oxford, Maine.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LANSING A. WILCOX, Cadott, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EUGENE OWEN, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, Kent City, Mich.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM W. NIXON, ³ Jewell, Kans.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LOUIS E. QUINT, Minneapolis, Minn.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 1944⁵**

Headquarters established at Warsaw, Ind. Membership, 249.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Chaplains in chief</i>	{ MARTIN J. WARNER, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	{ WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, ³ Kent City, Mich. JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

**SEVENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4, 1945**

Headquarters established in Seattle, Wash. Membership, 163.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i>	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, ³ Los Angeles, Calif. ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chief of staff</i>	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

⁵ Offices of Surgeon General, Judge Advocate General, and Inspector General abolished.

**EIGHTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST
25 TO 30, 1946**

Headquarters established Jamestown, N. Y. Membership 103.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Caro, Mich.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i>	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i>	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	ALBERT WOOLSON, Duluth, Minn.
<i>Chief of staff</i>	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.

**EIGHTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
AUGUST 10 TO 14, 1947**

Headquarters established Jamestown, N. Y. Membership 66.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i>	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i>	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i>	JOHN R. BENNETT, Waynesfield, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i>	JOHN H. GRATE, Atwater, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant and quartermaster general</i> ¹	JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro, Ind.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i>	WM. H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.
<i>Chief of staff</i>	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

¹ Offices of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General combined by vote of 81st Encampment.

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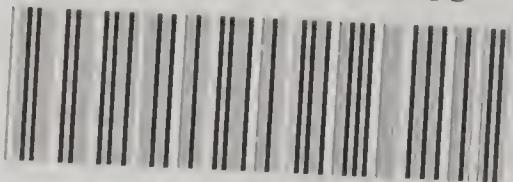




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